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PREFACE

THE history of previous revisions of these General Rules will be found in the preface to the edition of 1902, and need not be repeated here. The Conference of 1910 gave instructions for the usual decennial consolidation, and this was entrusted to a Committee consisting of A. T. Guttery, W. A. Hammond, J. Ritson, J. Welford, J. Hallam, E. C. Rawlings, G. Bennett, J. Pickett, H. J. Taylor, J. Harryman Taylor, M.A., M. P. Davison, J. D. Jackson, with J. Day Thompson as Secretary. We were directed to follow the general course laid down ten years before, and, in addition, to seek to improve the classification as far as possible. We have given special attention to this latter point, and believe that the order and connection in which these Laws and Rules are now presented will conduce to clearer understanding and readier reference.

We have devoted much time and care to our task, and trust that this result of our labours will give satisfaction to the Church at large.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN DAY THOMPSON,

Secretary.

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THE
GENERAL RULES
OF THE
PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONNEXION
REVISED IN THE YEAR 1912.

Doctrines.

1. The Primitive Methodist Church is composed of Protestant Christians, who hold the following doctrines :

- a.* The Being of God, including the Holy Trinity.
 - b.* The proper Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - c.* The innocence of our first parents when they were created.
 - d.* Their fall and that of their posterity.
 - e.* General Redemption by the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - f.* Repentance, including godly sorrow for sin and corresponding reformation.
 - g.* The Justification by faith of the ungodly on their turning to God.
 - h.* The Witness of the Holy Spirit to their adoption into the family of God.
 - i.* Sanctification by the Holy Spirit, producing inward and outward holiness.
 - j.* The Resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.
 - k.* The General Judgment, and Eternal Rewards and Punishments.
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Membership.

2. The members of the Primitive Methodist Church, official and unofficial, are those who, professing faith in Jesus Christ and giving evidence of the same by

a consistent life, have been accepted by a Leaders' Meeting and approved by the Quarterly Meeting of the Station. (See Rules 303-306.)

Junior Members.

3. All members under fourteen years of age, including those in Catechumen Classes and Junior Endeavour Societies, shall be returned as Junior Members, and be so reported in the statistics, but no levy shall be made on Junior Members for the Connexional Fund. (See Rules 571-581.)

Official Members.

4. Official members are those who by virtue of their office in the Church, or election by official courts, are entitled to attend and vote at the Station Quarterly Meeting. No person is allowed to be, or to remain, an official member who teaches doctrines contrary to those above named, and no unofficial member is allowed to continue in membership whose unsoundness in doctrine is likely to injure the peace and welfare of a society.

Object and Methods of the Church.

Object.

5. The Primitive Methodist Church exists to aid in establishing and extending the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in the world.

Methods.

6. The methods by which the Church seeks to promote its objects are:—Preaching the Gospel, public worship, Christian fellowship, circulation of sound and healthy literature, missionary enterprise at home and abroad, the spiritual nurture of the young, the advocacy of temperance, and such educational and philanthropic work as may from time to time be approved by the Conference.

Regulations for Official Meetings.

7. The right to submit propositions and to speak and vote on any subject at an official meeting belongs equally to every member thereof. When, however, any member is convicted of insubordination he may be deprived of this right by a majority of the meeting. No wilful offender against rule must be allowed to vote in the meeting, and if his offence be repeated he must be deprived of his office.

8. No member of an official meeting is or can be its president without being elected to the office. The designation of a president by one Conference shall be a recommendation to the next Conference to elect him to the presidency. The right to remove a president and elect another in his stead rests with the majority of the meeting.

9. In case of an equality of votes on any question, the president has a second or casting vote, which he may give to secure a majority.

10. Each official meeting must carefully attend to every case of business properly lying within its jurisdiction ; but it must not interfere with business beyond its jurisdiction, nor infringe upon the rights of future meetings.

11. Every official meeting must cause its resolutions to be accurately recorded in a proper minute-book, which must be signed by its president and secretary.

12. The decisions of every official meeting are in force until they are either formally or virtually repealed.

Conference.

Authority of Conference.

13. The Annual Conference is the supreme official court of the Church, and its decisions upon all administrative, legislative, and other questions are final.

Conference : How Composed.

14. The Conference is composed of :—(1) Permanent members ; (2) Delegates elected by the District Meetings. (On delegates to Conference see Rules 119-121) ; and (3) Such other persons, not exceeding four, as were appointed by the preceding Conference. Ten members are competent to transact business.

Representatives of Institutions.

15. Representatives of Institutions and Committees who have been received as such by the vote of Conference shall have authority to speak on all matters affecting the departments which they represent.

Formation of Conference.

16. Appoint a temporary President and Secretary.

17. Receive the Delegates and Representatives of Institutions. (See Rules 35, 119-121.)

Regulations for Conference.

18. Elect the President of Conference, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and an Assistant-Secretary. Appoint sheet secretaries, letter writers, letter registrars, door keepers, messengers, and other officials to meet the requirements of Conference, and not later than the third day of Conference designate a President for the next Conference. (See Rules 8, 51, 88.)

19. Fix the times at which it will begin and close its sessions, and when the minutes in the Journal shall be read to the Conference.

20. Fix the times for devotional exercises, which shall be conducted by the President or Vice-President.

21. Each Conference must continue its sessions for not fewer than four, nor more than sixteen successive days, exclusive of the Sunday.

Permanent Membership.

22. On the second or third day of its sessions the Conference must fill up any vacancy which has occurred in the permanent membership.

a. Applications for membership shall be made annually, through the General Committee, to the Conference, on printed forms, to be obtained at the Publishing House. Every person who wishes to be elected to this office shall state, (1) his name, age, and residence, and shall say, (2) when he became a member of the Connexion; (3) whether he has ever ceased to be a member since that date; (4) whether he has ever been convicted of promulgating doctrines contrary to those stated in the Deed Poll, promoting division, or violating our rules; (5) whether he has ever represented any District in the Conference, and if so when; (6) whether he is in good health and equal to the duties of the office.

b. These statements shall be submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of the station in which the applicant resides, or, in case that cannot be, to his Station Committee. The application must then be forwarded to his District Committee, which shall examine him with special reference to his fitness for the position he seeks, and his knowledge of the Deed Poll. These courts shall certify whether the statements in his application are correct.

c. The Conference may remove from office any permanent member who becomes incompetent, or incapacitated, or who is convicted of immorality or breach of discipline, or of promulgating doctrines contrary to the standing doctrines of the Connexion, or fomenting strife therein. No permanent member who shall have ceased to be such shall be eligible to be re-elected.

d. Any permanent member absenting himself from Conference for two successive years, without consent or dispensation of the Conference, shall cease to be such.

Stationing Committee.

23. The Stationing Committee is composed of one ministerial and one lay delegate from each Home District (except the Missions and the North British Districts, which shall have one each) who have been appointed by the District Meeting, together with the General Committee Secretary, and the General Missionary Secretary. No minister or layman shall be a member of this Committee from any station placed by the District Meeting on the List of "Stations Unsupplied." (See Rule 121.)

24. The Stationing Committee shall be held before the opening of the Conference in the Conference town, and as soon as practicable after the opening a printed copy of the First Draft of Stations shall be supplied to the delegates. The date and time of meeting are fixed by the previous Conference.

a. This Committee shall examine Appeals on Stationing sent by Ministers or Stations.

b. It shall station all Unstationed Ministers, and supply all Unsupplied Stations, as far as practicable. (See Rules 79, 80, 281.)

c. Any Minister who has travelled thirty-five years, and finds himself unable to take a wide station involving much travelling, shall be at liberty to forward his name to the General Committee Secretary, expressing his desire for a limited station, either as superintendent or second preacher, and the Secretary shall supply a list of such names to any station making application to him. All ministers on this list at Conference shall be appointed to suitable stations by the Stationing Committee, after ministers seeking temporary or partial relief have been stationed, and before any application to relieve a station of a second or third minister is granted, or any irregular invitation is confirmed.

d. Cases of special difficulty may be referred to the full Conference

e. The First Draft of the Stations shall be presented to the Conference not later than the third morning of its sessions, and a copy thereof sent to each minister and station affected thereby. (See Rules 38, 39.)

f. Stations, by duly appointed representatives, and also ministers, when dissatisfied with appointments made by this Committee, may, at their own expense, appear before it to state their objections, and remain until their cases are decided.

g. On or before the eighth day of the Conference sessions it shall present the Final Draft of the Stations, a copy of which, when corrected, accepted, and signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference, shall be inserted in the Conference Journal. (See Rule 39.)

h. This Committee shall not, except by special instruction from Conference, interfere with appointments entered into by mutual arrangement between ministers and stations.

i. The Conference reserves to itself the right to make alterations in the appointment of ministers when, in its judgment, such alterations are necessary ; but it shall specially guard against making any that are needless and expensive.

j. No appendage to ministers' names shall be allowed in the printed Minutes of Conference, except the degrees of a recognised University, nor shall any degree be recognised by the Conference until the minister claiming it shall have satisfied the Conference or the General Committee that it has been honourably obtained.

Appointment of Committees.

25. Appoint the following Committees from among the members of the Conference, to examine and report on special matters of business that have to be submitted to its consideration. Each Committee shall elect its own chairman, secretary, and such other officers as may be necessary for the discharge of its functions, and it shall duly present its report to Conference.

Committee on Vice-Connexional Officers.

26. (See Rules 872-874.)

Finance Committee.

27. Its duties shall be to allocate such portions of the profits of the Publishing House as are available for

allocation, and such other moneys as may be in the hands of the Conference for that purpose.

28. Examine and report on all cases of chapel difficulty or embarrassment which have been sent to the Conference by stations through their District Meetings.

*Complaints and Appeals, and Miscellaneous
Business Committee.*

29. This Committee shall examine all complaints and appeals (except those on Stationing) affecting official persons, stations and courts, sent in due order, to the Conference.

30. It shall consider such business as may be submitted to it by the Conference or the Agenda Committee.

*The Committee for the Election of Students to
the Hartley College.*

31. It shall examine the testimonials of all ministerial candidates who have passed through the Candidates' Examining Committee, and report thereon to the Conference, giving the results of the examination in each case.

The George Lamb Scholarship Committee.

32. The Committee for the selection of a student or students from the applicants for the "George Lamb Scholarship" shall consist of the President of the Conference, the General Committee Secretary, and twelve persons (four ministers and eight laymen), who shall be elected at each Conference from the delegates present. One minister and one layman may be nominated by each District for this Committee. (See Rules 272, 387, 388.)

Disciplinary Committee.

33. When cases affecting moral character have to be investigated, a Committee of members of the Conference may be appointed for that purpose, whose findings only shall be submitted to the Conference for confirmation or otherwise.

Order of Business.

34. After the formation of the Conference and the appointment of the Conference Committees as above, the business of the Conference shall be disposed of according to the Conference Agenda, which shall comprise : Business affecting Ministers, Missionary Affairs, Sunday Schools, Temperance Work, Christian Endeavour, Church Property, the State of the Church, Legislation, the Publishing House, Educational and other Institutions, the Connexional and other Funds, Miscellaneous.

Rules of Conference Procedure.

35. Each General Committee Delegate shall, when his District is called for, move the reception of the delegates present, stating, in all cases, when a vice-delegate has taken the place of a principal, and hand in the accepted list to the Secretary for entrance in the Conference Journal.

36. The Conference Agenda shall not be departed from without notice ; such notice to be given to the Agenda Committee, which shall decide whether the notice is admissible, and if admissible, when the business it refers to shall be introduced.

37. All resolutions in the District Meeting minute-books on the same section of business, except in such cases as need special consideration, shall be confirmed in Conference by one resolution.

38. Each General Committee Delegate shall correct all errors which may appear in his District Stations ;

supply the chairman of the Stationing Committee with such information as may be deemed necessary for the preparation of the First Draft of Stations, and when the Final Draft has been accepted and signed, he shall see that a copy is sent to every station within his District.

39. The General Committee Secretary shall furnish the chairman of the Stationing Committee with a list of the ministers leaving and entering each District ; showing the liabilities of each District in relation to approved ministers and probationers. He shall also supply a list of deceased ministers, ministers who have resigned, and those who are seeking superannuation in each District.

40. Each General Committee Delegate shall supply the Journal Secretary with a corrected sheet of the Committees for his District, and their appointment shall be made by one resolution of the Conference.

41. All amendments proposed on legislation shall be supplied in writing to the chairman of the Conference Agenda Committee, which Committee shall arrange for their discussion when the legislation to which they relate shall come under consideration ; but any member of Conference may propose an amendment to any legislation, or clause of legislation, when the subject is before the Conference.

42. All persons and courts affected by the decisions of Conference shall be informed thereof by letter. Each General Committee Delegate shall see that this has been done for his District.

43. All the resolutions of the Conference, together with the names of all its members, shall be entered in the Journal by the Journal Secretary, or by his assistant.

Duties and Powers of the President.

44. The President shall preserve order and regularity in the business of the Conference, and in case of an

equality of votes on any question shall, in addition to his own single vote, have a casting vote, so that a majority may be secured.

45. The President shall decide all points of order and his decisions shall not be debatable unless disputed, in which case no member shall speak more than once. When the decision of the President is disputed, the vote of the Conference shall be taken.

46. It shall be the duty of the President to call to order any member of the Conference violating any of the rules of procedure.

Resolutions and Amendments.

47. All resolutions and amendments shall be submitted in writing when the President shall so require.

48. When the report of a fund, a committee, or an institution is presented to the Conference, the substantive motion shall always be "to receive and adopt."

49. Only one amendment of a motion shall be before the Conference at one time, but members may give notice of other amendments to be considered after the decision of the Conference has been given on the one before it, and all such notices shall be dealt with in the order in which they are given.

50. When a resolution is moved and seconded the only resolutions in order shall be:—1. To postpone indefinitely; 2. To postpone to a definite time; 3. To refer to a Committee; 4. To "divide," if the sense of the motion will admit it; 5. To amend; 6. "That the resolution be now put."

Resolutions not Debatable.

51. The following resolutions are not debatable and must be put to the vote as soon as they are moved and

seconded :—1. The appointment of President, Vice-President, and Secretary of Conference ; 2. Resolutions of thanks to retiring Connexional Officers ; 3. A resolution to re-consider ; 4. To read a rule ; 5. That the vote be now taken.

52. A majority vote of the members present and voting must be given for any one of these resolutions before it is declared by the President to be carried.

Rules of Debate.

53. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the President, but shall not proceed further till recognised from the chair, except to state that he rises to move a resolution, to call attention to a point of order, or to ask a question.

54. When two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the President shall decide who has the precedence.

55. No member shall speak more than once to the same resolution or amendment except the mover of the original resolution, who shall have the right of reply, but he shall not introduce any new arguments.

56. When a member is speaking no one shall interrupt him, except to call to order, or to ask leave to explain. When a member rises to a point of order, he shall confine himself to a bare statement of the point he wishes to have settled. When a member is allowed to explain, he has only the right to explain an actual misunderstanding of language, and must not be allowed to enter into the merits of the case.

57. Any member feeling dissatisfied with the decision of the chair may appeal against such decisions to the Conference.

Provision for Delegates and Others.

58. The delegates and representatives are provided with hospitality during the sessions of Conference by friends where the Conference is held.

59. Those permanent members who purpose attending Conference must give notice thereof, not later than fourteen days after the District Meetings, to the superintendent of the station where the Conference is to be held.

Conference Hearers.

60. Office bearers and members of the Church are allowed to attend Conference as hearers, but they must not use any influence with the friends who reside where a Conference is to be held, for the purpose of securing hospitality ; and they must retire from the Conference whenever Conference requests them to do so.

Preparation of Legislation.

61. The General Committee, the Book Committee, the General Missionary Committee, the General Sunday School Committee, the General Chapel Fund Committee, and the Hartley College Committee, may prepare legislation and send it direct to Conference. District Committees, District Building Committees, District Sunday School Committees, District Missionary Committees, and Circuit Quarterly Meetings may also prepare legislation, but before sending it to Conference it must be approved by the District Meeting of the District. (See Rule 104.)

62. No legislation shall be considered by Conference which does not specify all rules, or parts of rules, which are to be abrogated or altered by it. (See Rule 104.)

General Committee.

63. This Committee is appointed by Conference to attend to the general affairs of the Connexion till the following Conference.

a. The General Committee is composed as follows:--President, Vice-President and Secretary of Conference; the Connexional Officers, Vice-Connexional Officers and Ex-Connexional Officers; Past Presidents and Vice-Presidents; Treasurers and Secretaries of Connexional Funds and Institutions; the Secretary of Trustees of Gifts and Settlements. Districts with fewer than 9,000 members shall have six representatives (ministers and laymen in equal proportions) and Districts with over 9,000 members shall have eight representatives in the same proportions. The two London Districts shall have ten extra, and the Missions District six extra, half ministers and half laymen. Superannuated ministers resident in the metropolitan area shall also be members of this Committee.

b. Those members of the General Committee who attend its meetings from a greater distance than two miles, and not more than five miles, shall be allowed one shilling from the Connexional Fund for each attendance; and those who attend from a greater distance than five miles shall be allowed one shilling and sixpence for each attendance.

c. No person can remain a member after it has been proved before the Committee that his temporal circumstances are embarrassed, or that he communicates, without being authorised, the business brought before its meetings to persons not members of the Committee.

Its Duties.

64. It must give advice, where needful, and when applied for, to any official meetings or any member thereof, and must remonstrate against any infringement by one person or party on the rights of another, or on any of our laws, usages, or institutions.

65. It shall not receive an application for advice from any individual or party unless sent at the cost of the applicant, nor unless it contains all the facts of the case to which it relates.

66. It must examine, and, as far as practicable, adjudicate on, those complaints and appeals which are sent to it according to rule. When necessary, it may appoint a deputation to examine a case. It may cite any District Committee or other court lower than itself, or any part thereof or any person concerned, to furnish any needful information or aid towards settling the matter in dispute; and it shall decide thereon as its judgment shall direct.

67. It must examine applications from Stations and the General Missionary Committee to call out additional ministers, sanction such as meet requirements of rule, and inform Conference of the same. (See Rules 141, 238, 239.)

68. Sanction must not be given for the employment of an additional minister in any station before the said station has submitted its case to the consideration of its District Committee; nor unless the station has a reasonable prospect of paying the required sum to its District Furnishing Fund, and is not likely to be overburdened by an additional married minister at the end of his probation.

69. It must endeavour to leave stations open for students from the Hartley College, and the General Committee and the College Committee must correspond with a view to making arrangements to meet, as far as practicable, the needs of all parties concerned.

70. It shall decide whether part of a station shall be annexed to another station when application is made to it for this purpose. (See Rule 278.)

71. When officially requested, it shall give advice to ministers and stations on legal prosecutions relating to baptisms, burials, chapels, or other cases affecting the interests of our Church. It shall, however, neither institute such prosecutions nor defend actions at law.

72. It shall observe the proceedings of Parliament ; and, when it deems it prudent, shall, by printed circular, advise the stations in regard to petitioning for or against any measure affecting our civil or religious liberties.

The Appointment of Conference.

73. The list of Conference Towns shall be printed in the Annual Conference Minutes, and shall consist of the following cities and towns (subject to revision):— Newcastle-on-Tyne with Gateshead, Birmingham, Scarborough, Manchester, Leicester, London, Tunstall, Bradford, Norwich, Derby, Middlesbrough and adjacent Stations, Grimsby, Leeds, South Shields, Bolton, Northampton, Nottingham, Liverpool, Sunderland, Hull, Sheffield, and Bristol. Applications to withdraw or to be added, shall be made to the General Committee, but the Conference shall decide thereon.

74. The General Committee shall intimate each year to the three succeeding stations the year in which the Conference is due to them. Should any station on the list signify to the General Committee its inability to take the Conference at the time specified the General Committee shall make the best arrangements possible and report thereon to the Conference. This does not refer to the next succeeding Conference.

75. Each Conference shall appoint the place at which its successor shall be held and shall observe the order of rotation given in the annual Conference Minutes, unless satisfactory reasons are assigned for deviating from it.

Duties before the District Meetings.

76. It must give instruction to the General Committee Delegates as to the order of entering the resolutions in the District minute-books. (See Rule 89 *q-e*.)

77. The Secretary shall prepare a list of unstationed ministers and unsupplied stations from the returns of the District Committees, and send a copy thereof by post to every such minister and station not later than April 10th. (See Rule 145.)

Duties after the District Meetings.

78. It shall examine, arrange, and get bound such District Meeting documents as may be deemed advisable.

79. It shall tabulate the reports of the District Meetings relative to ministerial invitations and acceptances, deaths, resignations, and superannuations, and present the information to the Agenda Committee for the Stationing Committee and Conference. (See Rule 118.)

80. The Secretary shall prepare and get printed a list of unsupplied stations and unstationed ministers from the returns of the District Meetings, and shall send a copy thereof at once to every such station and minister. He shall prepare also a complete report for the Stationing Committee. (See Rules 114, 115, 281.)

81. A station or the General Missionary Committee must be informed—when either is likely to be directly affected in the stationing at the Conference, through an appeal against a minister stationed by a District Meeting—that such an appeal has been received, so that it may have an opportunity of sending its views thereon to the Conference; and each minister appealed against shall also be informed of the fact.

82. It must prepare the reports of the Districts for being received in one resolution by the Conference, except in regard to particulars that have been overlooked, not satisfactorily settled, or such as have been specially referred to the Conference.

83. It shall appoint an Agenda Committee as authorised by Conference. This Committee shall prepare and print an Agenda of the business to be laid before Conference, with such information as may be necessary for its convenient and expeditious dispatch, and a copy shall be posted to each delegate at least four days before the opening of the Conference. (See Rule 36.)

84. It shall print as part of the Agenda, the legislation forwarded according to rule, an abstract of the Reports of Committees and the Balance Sheets of Connexional Funds. (See Rules 41, 127.)

85. All treasurers and secretaries of Connexional Funds shall prepare and send their balance sheets to the General Committee Secretary in time for their being printed in the Conference Agenda. These shall afterwards be inserted in the annual Minutes of Conference.

86. The General Committee Delegates and the Secretaries of Committees shall supply the General Committee, immediately after the District Meetings, with a summary of all business affecting their Districts and departments, which ought to be brought before the Conference, that it may appear on the Agenda, and no business shall be laid before Conference unless it has first been before the Agenda Committee.

87. The Agenda Committee shall meet during the Conference and shall see that all matters are introduced in such order as not to interfere with the due consideration of the principal business. (See Rule 36.)

88. Nominations for the Presidency-Designate, Vice-Presidency, or Secretaryship of Conference, may be sent to the Agenda Committee by any delegate, and such nomination shall appear on the Agenda.

District Meetings.

89. Each District Meeting is composed of one or more delegates from each station within the District ; one from each of the following Committees of the District, viz.: District, Building, Missionary, Sunday School, Orphan Home, Temperance, Christian Endeavour, Local Preachers' Training, Furnishing, Equalisation and Education, whose expenses shall be borne by the respective funds of such Committees ; also the District representative of the Candidates' General Examining Committee. A General Committee Delegate shall attend each District Meeting. (See Rules 35, 38, 40, 42, 86, 104 *a*, 127.)

a. The District Meeting of the preceding year may nominate the General Committee Delegate, but the appointment is with the Conference.

b. Should he become ineligible, or unable to attend on account of illness or some other cause, the General Committee shall appoint a person to fill his place.

c. He must attend to such suggestions as shall be furnished by the General Committee for his guidance, and must see that the decisions of the meeting are properly entered in the book provided for the purpose.

d. He must see that the business is done according to rule, with as much order, fairness, and dispatch as possible.

e. He must pay special attention to all cases of decrease, and see that the meeting reports the number of members and all contributions correctly, and that all documents are signed on behalf of the District Meeting.

90. Probationers who shall have been recommended by their station Quarterly Meetings for admission into the approved list, and such candidates for the ministry as shall be directed to do so, shall attend their respective District Meetings for examination. (See Rules 128, 255, 385.)

a. The General Committee may send a delegate to the London I. District Meeting, the General Missionary Committee to the Missions' District Meeting, the Book Committee a delegate to each

of the London District Meetings, the Sunday School General Committee to the Leeds District Meeting, and the Hartley College Committee to the Manchester District Meeting.

Duties of Stations where District Meetings are held.

91. Any station has the right to apply for the District Meeting ; but when more stations than one in any town apply jointly, each station shall share equally in making the arrangements for it, and in any pecuniary profit or loss arising from the public services held in connection therewith.

92. The delegates to a District Meeting, applicants for admission into the approved list, and candidates for the ministry, are entertained by the friends at the place where the meeting is held, and needful arrangements must be made for the delegates to attend to their business with as little interruption as possible. Arrangements may be made for holding religious services early in the mornings, and after tea in the evenings, but by no means on a Monday afternoon. The Sunday being set apart for public worship, the delegates, probationers and candidates for the ministry must then render all the aid they can in promoting the work of God agreeably with the appointments which shall have been made for them.

Hearers.

93. These are admitted at the District Meetings on the same conditions as at the Conference, which conditions are stated in Rule 60.

Organisation and Duties of the District Meetings.

94. District Meetings must be organised as indicated in Rules 16-20 ; they must examine the letters and figures at the head of each station in the District on the Conference Stations, and see whether the delegates are present accordingly.

95. Examine the contributions of the stations to the Connexional Fund, comparing them with the amounts due on the basis of membership ; and record the total amount in the District minute-book. (See Rule 696.)

96. Examine the reports from the stations with the historical accounts of the ministers ; and also the Reports from its District, Building, Furnishing, Equalisation, Literature, District Meeting Chapel, Missionary, Sunday School, Temperance, Christian Endeavour, Orphan Home, Local Preachers' Training, and other Committees.

a. Record a special resolution on the state of the magazine circulation in the District. (See Rules 199, 251.)

97. Where there is a lack in any of the reports, direct the parties responsible for filling them up to supply the deficiency to the General Committee for the Conference. (See Rule 888.)

98. Inquire thoroughly into all decreases, and in all ordinary cases where reasons for a decrease are sent, decide whether or not they sufficiently account for it, without requiring additional information to be sent to the Conference.

a. Each minister who shall have had a decrease on his station must be informed by letter whether or not he is exonerated from blame by the District Meeting, that he may know how the case will be reported to the Conference.

b. In investigating a decrease affecting a minister who removed from one station to another in the foregoing July, it must take into account the numbers reported by the last March and June Quarterly Meetings of the station which he left. (See Rule 416.)

99. Record a minute in the book on the state of the Sunday Schools in the District. Special cases of decrease in schools, teachers or scholars, must be fully investigated.

100. Examine the financial state of the chapels, and record its judgment in reference to them.

101. Examine all communications sent from any of the Committees, and record its judgment thereon for the consideration of the Conference.

102. Examine applications which relate to any of the Connexional Funds.

103. Examine such complaints and appeals as have been sent according to rule; settle them as far as practicable; and transfer such as it cannot settle to the Conference, through the General Committee.

104. Consider legislation. The District Meeting may adopt, reject, or modify any legislation or any part of any legislation, that may be submitted to it from the Quarterly Meetings of the stations and from other courts where the reasons for such legislation are given, and the rules, or parts of rules affected by it, are specified. (See Rule 62.)

a. Each General Committee Delegate shall get printed, without the reasons, the legislation sanctioned by the March Quarterly Meetings of the stations in his district, and a copy shall be given to each delegate on the first morning of the sessions of the District Meeting.

b. The station where the meeting is held shall pay the expense of printing, and when printed legislation is sent by a Committee to a District Meeting a sufficient number of copies shall be sent to supply one copy to each delegate.

c. A correct copy of all the legislation passed by the District Meeting shall be sent to the General Committee Secretary.

105. Examine the pledges of the ministers who have been taken out during the year. (See Rules 404-409.)

106. Examine applications for the Approved List, and inform by letter every unsuccessful applicant why he is rejected.

107. No person shall be received into the list of approved ministers unless he is a member of the "Itinerant Preachers' Friendly Society," or applying for membership.

108. Decide on the case of any minister applying for superannuation.

Stationing.

109. Consider every application to make a new station which has been sent according to rule, and record the views of the meeting thereon for the judgment of Conference. (See Rules 291, 292.)

110. Examine all official documents relating to stationing; but no petition on this subject must be received from any station in addition to its official report.

111. Except in special cases, a minister must not be re-stationed more than a third year, nor be re-appointed to a station from which he has been absent fewer than five successive years. When any such re-appointment or re-station is requested, a written account of the case, with the numbers present in the Quarterly Meeting, and the numbers voting in favour of and against it, must be given in the station's report for the consideration of the District Meeting and Conference. (See Rule 258.)

112. When more stations are liable to take additional approved list ministers than are at the disposal of the District Meeting, it must carefully consider which stations are best able to bear the additional charge and advise the Conference accordingly.

113. Having received official notice from its District Committee Delegate of the engagements made between its stations and ministers, it shall duly confirm them when in harmony with rule. (See Rules 144, 279, 280.)

114. It shall, if mutual and satisfactory arrangements can be made during its sessions, though no previous invitations shall have been given and accepted, appoint ministers to stations within its District so long as there are vacancies to be filled. When it has more

ministers than it requires, by reason of invitations having been accepted by ministers from other Districts, it shall forward the names of those unstationed to the General Committee, which shall deal with them in the manner prescribed by Rule 80.

115. If it has not a sufficient number of ministers to supply all the stations in the District, it shall put in the place of a preacher's name, under the stations unprovided for, the words, "To be supplied."

116. It shall print the stations, giving one Christian name of each minister at full length, and insert at the head of each station L.D. or M.D., or L.D. 2, or M.D. L.D. or M.D. L.D. 2 to signify whether a layman or a minister, or two laymen, or a minister and a layman, or a minister and two laymen must be delegated to the ensuing District Meeting.

117. In the case of cities and towns which give names to two or more stations the names thereof shall be printed in consecutive order; and the name of the church which stands at the head of each station shall also be given.

118. It shall prepare and forward to the General Committee for Conference a report of (1) the ministerial invitations given and accepted within the District; (2) the names of ministers leaving the District, having been invited into other Districts; (3) ministers entering the District; (4) ministers recommended for superannuation; (5) those who have died during the year; and (6) those who for any cause have ceased to be ministers.

119. Elect the delegates to represent the District Meeting in the Conference, and insert their names and addresses in the minute-book.

a. Delegates to the Conference shall be elected by the District Meeting on the basis of members reported to the previous Conference,

and in the proportion of two laymen to one minister. Each District Meeting of the Home Stations shall elect delegates to Conference in the proportion of one delegate for each 1,000 members, except that any District having fewer than 3,000 members shall send one minister and two laymen each year. In addition to the above the District Meeting shall elect the Retiring President, Retiring Vice-President, and President-Designate, in case any or all of them reside within the District. In such cases Rule 119 c shall not apply. The number of ministers and lay delegates each District Meeting is entitled to elect shall be printed yearly in the Conference Minutes. As the Missions District is frequently making new self-supporting stations, which are added to other Districts, it shall elect four ministers and eight laymen, with the distinct understanding that the General Missionary Secretary be one of them, and the Treasurer of the General and the African Funds respectively, if they be eligible and be not otherwise appointed. And providing they be not eligible, or are attending Conference in some other capacity, the Missions District Meeting shall elect eligible delegates from stations taking special interest in missionary work, giving due regard to missions in the foreign field. And it may elect a missionary representing the foreign field when such a missionary is at home on furlough, if eligible, or a layman who may be eligible visiting England at the time.

b. No person must be elected a delegate to the Conference whose station is declared insubordinate, except as provided for in Rule 275. Nor shall any one be deemed eligible who is inattentive to discipline and has been troublesome in the Church, or against whom a charge or complaint is pending. Disqualification shall also be deemed to exist where there is business embarrassment or undischarged insolvency; or when an undertaking is not given to be at the Conference at its opening and stay till its close.

c. Two delegates may be elected from the same station, one being a minister and the other a layman, providing they possess the requisite qualifications and are free from the disabilities named in the foregoing rule.

d. When a principal delegate has been elected for both a Home and a Colonial District, his vice may represent one of these Districts in Conference, otherwise, a vice-delegate cannot have a seat in the Conference as a member thereof when his principal delegate is present.

e. The General Committee Delegate shall, in all cases, be chosen, as he is responsible for the business of the District Meeting.

f. Lay delegates to Conference must have been official members of our Church for the last seven years prior to the time when they are nominated for election, and they must also at the time hold office as local preachers, class-leaders, or circuit stewards, and be free

from the disabilities named in *b*. As far as practicable, District Meetings must appoint those brethren who possess general intelligence and business habits, and who habitually devote their energies to promoting the work of God.

g. When any delegate to Conference does not attend on the first and second days of its sessions, he shall forfeit his right to be a member of the Conference, unless he be present at the beginning of the third day's session and prove that his non-attendance was unavoidable.

h. Vice-delegates shall be elected to attend the Conference, and they must have the qualifications required in principal delegates.

i. Vice-delegates shall be entered on the District stations in the order of the number of votes they have received—the highest number of votes securing the first place on the list, the next highest number the second place, and so on until the required number of vice-delegates are appointed.

j. In case of inability on the part of any principal delegate to fulfil his appointment, he must inform the General Committee Delegate, who shall communicate with the vice-delegate standing first on the list, either M.D. or L.D., as the case may be, and request him to take the place of the principal who has failed. Should he be unable to fulfil the appointment, the General Committee Delegate shall apply to the next on the list, until the vacancy is filled up. But when this course is likely to violate the rule which prohibits two delegates being appointed from the same station (except one be a minister and the other a layman), then the next highest on the list following the one to whom the rule is applicable must be applied to, to fill the vacancy.

120. Inform the superintendent of the station where the next Conference will be held, what offices its delegates fill, that it may be known what part they can best take in the public religious services.

121. Appoint two of the delegates to Conference (a minister and a layman) to represent the District on the Stationing Committee at Conference. (See Rule 23 for exceptions.) Appoint two delegates (a minister and a layman) to act on the Committee for Vice-Connexional Officers. (See Rule 874 *a*.) Nominate also two delegates (minister and layman) to serve on the Finance Committee, and two for the Committee on Complaints and Appeals.

122. Elect one or more members for the General Missionary Committee. (See Rule 615.) The meeting may make nominations in addition to any so elected.

123. Nominate such members as it is entitled to for the General Committee.

124. Fix the time and place for holding the next District Meeting. (See Rule 91.)

125. Nominate the General Committee Delegate to attend the next District Meeting. (See Rule 89.)

126. Nominate the District, Building, Literature, Furnishing Fund, Equalisation Fund, Sunday School, Missionary, Orphan Home, Local Preachers' Training, Temperance and Christian Endeavour Committees, a Treasurer, where one is needed, and a Secretary for each. In nominating the District Sunday School Committees, observe Rule 468.

127. The General Committee Delegate of each District shall send a duplicate copy of the several District Committees, as nominated by the District Meetings, to the General Committee Secretary, who shall print them in the Conference Agenda. (See Rule 86.)

128. Nominate two ministers to conduct the examination at the next District Meeting of the probationers who shall be recommended for admission into the approved list. They shall examine the journals and other documents of the probationers, and subject them to such *viva voce* examination as may be deemed proper regarding their health, habits of study, labours and success in the ministry. Afterwards the successful probationers shall publicly narrate their Christian experience and call to the ministry.

129. The District Meeting may nominate a vice to any of the Connexional officers when one is required. (See Rule 873.)

130. Examine and revise, if necessary, the arrangements for missionary services to be held in all the stations according to rule, and forward the list to the General Missionary Secretary. (See Rules 641, 652.)

131. Sign the reports of the stations and all the official documents, and return one copy of the report to each station by its delegate.

132. Read the minutes recorded in the District minute-book, and direct the President and Secretary to sign them.

133. Place the minute-book, six copies of the stations, and all other official documents in the hands of the General Committee Delegate, who must forthwith send them to the General Committee Secretary for the Conference.

District Meeting Chapel Committees.

134. These are composed of the General Committee Delegate, ministerial Delegates to the District Meeting, together with the delegates representing the following District Committees:—District, Missionary, Building, Sunday School, Temperance, Orphanage, Furnishing, Equalisation and Education, the Christian Endeavour Council, and also the representative of the Candidates' Examining Committee. They meet where the District Meetings are held, and begin their sessions at the time appointed by the previous Conference.

a. They must investigate those cases referred to them by their respective District Building Committees; and must send to the District Meeting a report on each case, with all necessary remarks. (See Rules 174, 176, 177.)

District Committees.

135. Each District Committee is composed of ministers and laymen nominated by its District Meeting, but appointed by the Conference. Each station may forward to the District Meeting the names of those persons whom it desires to have nominated. No claim shall be made on the Connexional Fund for attendance, except on the part of the Secretary, who shall be paid third-class fare, unless where privileged tickets are granted at reduced fares. (See Rule 701 *a.*)

136. In cases of emergency, to be judged of by the executive, where such exists, the more distant members may be requested by such executive to attend a meeting; and when they shall so attend, the expenses shall be paid from the Connexional Fund at the rate of one penny per mile, provided the General Committee considers that such special committee was needed.

Duties.

137. Each District Committee exercises those powers and privileges which are described in Rules 64-66, so far as they are applicable to its jurisdiction.

138. All matters affecting a district belong to the courts of the District, except in cases of appeal, or where rule makes exception.

139. It shall aid station courts in dealing with cases of known delinquency in official members when, either because of unwillingness, inability, or any cause whatever on the part of the station courts themselves, discipline is neglected and the Church injured. It shall require such stations to summon a meeting of the court to which such officials are amenable, and it may appoint a deputation of its more experienced members to attend and take part in the proceedings, with a view to an investigation and a righteous settlement of the case,

The expenses of such deputations shall be a matter for arrangement with the General Committee.

140. When requested it must assist the General Committee to settle any case within its District; and it may send to the General Committee any information or suggestions which may be deemed expedient.

141. It must consider the applications from stations for employing additional ministers, and must furnish the General Committee with its opinion both as to their being needed and the likelihood of their being supported. (See Rules 238, 239.)

142. In case a layman within its bounds is applying for permanent membership of the Conference, it must examine him regarding his knowledge of the Deed Poll, and report to the Conference through the General Committee. (See Rule 22 *a, b.*)

143. In all cases arising out of matters pertaining to its Furnishing Fund it shall be a Court of Appeal; and if it cannot settle a case, the parties concerned shall have the right of appeal to the General Committee.

144. It must prepare a complete list of all ministerial invitations which have, during the year, been accepted within its District; and must, through its delegate, present in due time such list to its District Meeting.

145. It must supply to the General Committee Secretary, (1) a complete list of invited and uninvited ministers in the District, and (2) a list of stations unsupplied up to the 25th of March. (See Rule 279 *a, b.*)

146. A brief report, of its proceedings, must be prepared each year, from April to April, for the District Meeting and Conference.

147. It shall elect a delegate to the District Meeting, and a vice-delegate to attend if he cannot, and the election must be certified in the beginning of the report (See Rule 248.)

148. It may prepare legislation for its District Meeting. (See Rules 61, 62, 104.)

149. A book must be kept into which shall be transcribed a copy of all the minutes passed by its District Meeting; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to forward yearly such book to the said Meeting.

150. It shall keep a separate book, in which shall be inserted alphabetically the names of all official persons within the District separated from the Church, with the reason or reasons assigned for their separation. But before such record is made, the District Committee may make such inquiries of the circuits concerned as in its judgment may be necessary, in order to be assured that the proper steps have been taken in such cases of separation.

DISTRICT BUILDING COMMITTEES.

151. In each District there shall be a Building Committee, appointed by the Conference. The District Meeting may nominate its members, but the appointment is made by the Conference.

152. Each Building Committee must attend to the trust property within its own District whether chapels, preaching-rooms, school-rooms, dwelling-house, or tenements, and all lands belonging thereto.

153. No person must build, re-build, materially alter, buy or lease property or buy or lease any land without the permission of both the Quarterly Meeting of his Station and of the District Building Committee.

154. No person must solicit money, material, or anything else, on behalf of property, unless it is on the Model Deed, or will soon be secured to our Church by a trust deed, or some valid document, and thereby distinguished from private property.

a. No place of worship built as private property since the year 1836, and begged for contrary to the preceding rule, shall be occupied by any of our ministers.

155. No person must seek to obtain subscriptions on behalf of property under any circumstances, without the permission of the Quarterly Meeting of the station to which it belongs, or if such person belongs to another station, without the sanction also of the District Building Committee.

156. Permission for a person to solicit subscriptions in another District than that to which he belongs can be given by the Conference only, and any person convicted of having gone about soliciting subscriptions, without proper official sanction, shall be deprived of office or membership.

157. All applications to a Building Committee must be made on printed forms, sold at the Publishing House.

a. The plans, specifications, and estimates must be sent along with the application to a Building Committee.

b. All letters and applications, and plans and specifications, to and for the respective Building Committees, must be sent to the Secretary at least five days before the meeting at which they are intended to be considered.

158. Applications for sanction to build places of worship must state how many lettable and how many free sittings are intended to be provided in each case.

159. Before a Building Committee shall sanction the building, re-building, materially altering, buying, or leasing of a place of worship, or the buying or leasing of land, it must be satisfied that sanction has been obtained from the last Quarterly Meeting of the station concerned, and that the steps taken by the applicants are according to rule.

160. Building Committees must not sanction the erection of a chapel unless it be certified by the superintendent minister and the Quarterly Meeting of the

station applying for sanction that the building will be properly ventilated.

161. Before any Building Committee sanctions the erection of a chapel or school, it must be certified by the superintendent minister and the Quarterly Meeting of the station applying for sanction that at least one-half the money which shall be needed to finish the work will be begged or given within six months of the opening thereof, and the application must show that one-fourth of the estimated cost has already been collected or subscribed.

162. In cases of alteration of, or addition to, existing chapel and school property, when free from debt, or when one-half the entire cost has been raised, sanction may be given without requiring one-fourth the estimated cost in hand at the commencement, provided the estimated cost of the said alteration or addition does not exceed one-half the previous total cost of the premises.

163. In the erection or purchase of a freehold house or a leasehold house, where the term of the lease is for more than one hundred years, the Building Committee shall have power to decide what amount, above one-third, shall be raised on account of such erection or purchase before a binding contract to erect or purchase such house is entered into ; but no house shall be bought or built without the locality having first been viewed by the Secretary of the Building Committee in whose jurisdiction it is situated, and such other person or persons whom it may appoint ; also before giving sanction for purchase, the Committee shall consult some competent builder or surveyor as to the value of the property.

164. Building Committees must be careful as to how they give sanction to build cottages in connection with chapels, as these are often found to be a source of trouble.

165. If the trustees, or the Quarterly Meeting of the station to which they belong, shall, against the remonstrance of the superintendent minister, resolve to go beyond the specification or estimates which have been sanctioned by the Building Committee, such minister must enter his protest in the minute-book ; and such protest being sent by him immediately to the Building Committee, shall be his justification. Otherwise, he will be regarded as having taken part in the violation of rule.

166. As our chapels and other premises are for public and benevolent purposes, the work pertaining to them must in every practicable case, be let by estimate and fair competition, and trustees are desired to see that persons engaged thereon shall be paid a fair rate of wages by the insertion in the contract of a suitable clause to that effect.

a. Contractors must be required either to insure the buildings while in course of erection, or to secure bondsmen sufficient to guarantee the completion of the work.

167. A superintendent minister, in whose station a chapel or other property has been newly built, or materially altered, must submit to his Quarterly Meeting, within six months after the opening, all correspondence relating thereto which has passed between the Building Committee and the superintendent minister, and a balance-sheet of the income and outlay, signed by the trustees' meeting ; and that Quarterly Meeting must countersign and forward the balance-sheet to the Building Committee, and state whether the sanctioned conditions have been fulfilled : if they have not, it must assign reasons why in each instance. The printed form for balance-sheets supplied by the Publishing House must be used in every case. The Building Committee must report the case to the District Meeting, which must examine the report and forward it, with the minutes thereon, to the Conference.

168. When the cost of an erection shall exceed the sum sanctioned by a Building Committee, the trustees shall say, when the balance-sheet is presented to the Building Committee, why such excess has taken place.

169. No addition shall be made to the debt upon any trust estate by borrowing money without the sanction of the Building Committee of the District in which it is situated.

170. No appointment of new trustees shall be made until sanction has been secured from the District Building Committee upon a form of application to be obtained from the Publishing House.

171. A duplicate form of the application to the District Building Committee, with the opinion of the said Committee thereon, shall be sent to the General Committee Secretary with each Form of Appointment of new Trustees when such appointment is made under the Trustees' Appointment Acts, 1850-1890. (See Rules 170, 354-356.)

172. If the sale of a chapel shall become urgent between Conferences, the President and Secretary who signed the Minutes in the Conference Journal shall have authority, on behalf of the Conference, to affix their signature to a document giving permission to sell, provided it be first certified to them in writing that the sale has been sanctioned by the Building Committee of the District and by the General Committee. (See Model Deed, Clause 59.)

a. Before selling a chapel or school-room, the trustees and station authorities shall see that all Inscription Stones, Memorial Stones, or Tablets are properly removed or the inscriptions effaced. In the case of Tablets it is advisable to communicate with the friends of those whose names the Tablets bear.

173. The Conference may grant authority to sell a chapel, and a copy of its resolution, authenticated by the signature of the President and Secretary, shall be evidence of the authority so given. (See Model Deed, Clause 58.)

174. Each Building Committee must examine the schedules sent from the March Quarterly Meetings, and get them bound for the District Meeting.

175. Each Building Committee must give special attention to the affairs of those trust estates within its District which are in embarrassed circumstances, and counsel the persons concerned as to the means of obtaining relief.

176. It must annually fill up two of the Synoptical Forms prepared by the Book Committee for securing a condensed statement of the accounts and other particulars respecting all the trust property within its jurisdiction, and forward one of these forms to the District Meeting and Conference, and preserve the other for reference. The totals thus supplied shall be printed in the Minutes of Conference.

177. Each District Building Committee must prepare for the District Meeting and for the District Meeting Chapel Committee a report of the business for the past year. This report must be on paper of the same size as the Station Report forms, and must be sent to the General Committee Secretary for Conference. It may also send legislation to the District Meeting and Conference. (See Rules 61, 62, 104.)

178. The secretaries of the respective District Building Committees shall ascertain and take an account of the donations from chapels and schools in each District sent to the station funds, and report the total amount through the District Meetings to the Conference, so that the amount may be printed in the Conference Minutes, a column being provided in the Synoptical Form for this purpose.

DISTRICT FURNISHING FUND COMMITTEE.

179. These Committees are nominated by the District Meeting and appointed by Conference.

180. Stations that take an additional minister shall pay during his probation a sum of not less than £40, according to the following scale, namely: £4 the first year, £8 the second year, £12 the third year, and £16 the fourth year, which sums shall be exclusively used for house furnishing purposes. These amounts must be sent in quarterly instalments to the District Furnishing Fund treasurer, who shall invest them with the Primitive Methodist Chapel Aid Association, Limited, or in some bank approved by the District Furnishing Fund Committee; and the interest received thereon shall be divided in the proportion of three-fourths to the stations making the payments, provided that they honour their pledge, and one-fourth to the District Furnishing Fund Committee for its working expenses. But if a circuit fails to honour its pledge, the amount of interest due to it shall be at the disposal of the District Furnishing Fund Committee.

181. Stations that have already paid to the treasurer £40, and on whose account this sum is in the hands of the treasurer, shall not be required to contribute further to this fund if they are called upon to pledge an additional minister; nor shall they be called upon to contribute for two probationers at the same time, when only one is employed on the station.

182. Any station which has pledged a probationer, and paid into the Furnishing Fund the £40 required by rule, and is due to take, but unable to support an additional approved list minister, and which shall have a probationer appointed, or be allowed to pledge another minister, shall give up to the Connexional Fund an amount of its furnishing money equal to the amount of relief given.

183. Stations obtaining relief, whether applied for or otherwise, for a shorter term than four years, shall pay into the Connexional Fund the money which is in

the District Furnishing Fund or due thereto according to the expired term of the pledge.

184. In cases where the Conference removes a minister for its own convenience, it shall decide what amount, if any, the station shall pay into the Connexional Fund.

185. Any station applying for relief shall state whether it has fully paid the money due to the District Furnishing Fund, and in no case shall relief be granted where this has not been done unless a guarantee be given that the amount will be at once paid.

186. Furnishing Fund money, which has been given up as above mentioned, shall be used to assist (1) Stations which take additional married ministers before they are liable to do so, and such stations shall receive an amount equal to £10 for each year they have anticipated their liability; but no station shall have more than £40; (2) Stations which are needing special help in support of a minister, the Conference determining what amount of help shall be given in these cases.

187. A report and balance-sheet shall be prepared by each District Furnishing Fund Committee, and sent to the District Meeting and Conference. The balance-sheet shall give (1) a detailed statement of income and outgo for the year ending March 31st; (2) the total amount in the fund; (3) the amount invested and where; (4) the amount standing to the credit of each station; and (5) a list of stations in arrears with the respective amounts.

188. The Furnishing Fund Committee shall elect a delegate to the District Meeting, and a vice-delegate to attend if he cannot, and the election must be certified in the beginning of the report. The expenses of the delegate shall be paid out of the Furnishing Fund.

DISTRICT EQUALISATION FUND COMMITTEES.

189. Funds for equalising the payments in respect of ministers' children are established in the Tunstall, Nottingham, Hull, Norwich, Manchester, Brinkworth and Swindon, Leeds, Bristol, London First, London Second, West Midland, Liverpool, Sheffield, Grimsby and Lincoln, Bradford and Halifax, South Wales, Lynn and Cambridge, Salisbury and Southampton, Shrewsbury, Devon and Cornwall and York and Scarborough Districts, and are maintained and administered according to the following regulations :—

a. These funds shall be worked by their respective District Committees, each having a treasurer and secretary appointed by Conference.

b. The quarterly payments shall be made respectively on the 14th of September, December, March, and June.

c. Each minister having payable children shall inform the secretary of his District Fund, of the number of such, on or before the 20th of August of each year. If he neglect to do this, he shall forfeit all claim to the first quarter's allowance.

d. Each Committee shall make the necessary calculations for the stations within its jurisdiction, basing such calculations on the number of members reported to the preceding Conference.

e. The secretary of each fund shall inform the stations in his District, on or before the first day of September, December, March, and June, what amount of money they will have to retain, if any, or what amount they will have to remit to the treasurer.

f. Each minister shall inform the secretary of his District Equalisation Committee of the birth or death of any of his children within seven days thereof and also when any one of his children attains the age of 18 years.

g. The amount due shall be forwarded by the superintendent minister of each station to the treasurer of his District Fund not later than the fourth day after the Quarterly Meeting; and the treasurer of each District Fund shall forward the sums due to claimants not later than ten days after the applications come to hand.

h. These arrangements are binding upon the stations.

190. The Equalisation Fund Committee shall elect a delegate to the District Meeting, and a vice-delegate

to attend if he cannot, and the election must be certified in the beginning of the report. The expenses of the delegate shall be paid out of the Equalisation Fund.

DISTRICT LITERATURE COMMITTEES.

191. These Committees are appointed by Conference to examine such manuscripts, compilations, or editions of a paper, tract, treatise, sermon, pamphlet, or book, as may be prepared for publication and sent to the Committees for approval or otherwise.

192. As their chief business is to guard the Church and the public against injury arising from the dissemination of unsound or pernicious theology, they must not sanction the publication of any manuscript, compilation, or edition of a work, without being satisfied as to its character and its likelihood to be useful.

193. They must not approve any theological manuscript or book which controverts the doctrine of a full, free and present salvation.

194. When they cannot absolutely sanction the publication of a manuscript, compilation, or edition of a work, they may sanction its publication under certain conditions, which they must state to the author, compiler, or editor.

195. When a Committee shall have decided whether a work shall be published or not, it must, at its earliest convenience, send its decision to the author, compiler, or editor.

196. No Committee shall sanction the publication of a separate biography of a minister, unless a memoir of him shall have been sent for insertion in the *Aldersgate*.

197. When the requirements, rights, powers, or privileges of any of these Committees shall be disregarded by the author of an unsanctioned work, or by any person or persons on his behalf, it may, if unable to bring the offending party to a proper line of conduct,

lay the case as a complaint before the official meeting to which he is amenable ; and, if dissatisfied with the decision of this meeting, it may appeal to higher ones, according to rule. (See also Rules 821-824.)

198. Each District Literature Committee shall send to the Conference, through its District Meeting, a report of its proceedings for the past year.

199. These Committees shall keep a record of the circulation of the magazines in each circuit in the District, and present a report to the District Meeting. The District Meeting shall record a resolution on the state of the magazine circulation.

DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEES.

200. The District Committees shall be the Education Committees for their respective Districts. (See Rule 881.)

201. The District Education Committee shall elect a delegate to the District Meeting, and a vice-delegate to attend if he cannot, and the election shall be certified in the beginning of the report. The expenses of the delegate shall be paid out of any fund administered by this Committee.

202. DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

See Rules 468-478.

203. DISTRICT MISSIONARY COMMITTEES.

See Rules 640-646.

204. DISTRICT ORPHANAGE COMMITTEES.

See Rules 847-854.

205. DISTRICT LOCAL PREACHERS' TRAINING COMMITTEES.

See Rules 449-451.

Station Quarterly Meetings.

206. Quarterly Meetings are usually held in the months of March, June, September, and December, and are divided into a Preachers' Meeting and the Quarterly Meeting proper. Each begins on the day and at the hour appointed by the previous Quarterly Meeting. If necessary a Quarterly Meeting may, before closing, appoint an adjournment to complete unfinished business ; but the adjournment must not undo what was done at the principal meeting unless it be to correct some manifest error.

PREACHERS' MEETING.

207. This precedes the Quarterly Meeting, and is composed of the station stewards, and persons (being Church members in the station) whose names are on the station plan as preachers or exhorters. It inquires into the doctrinal views, pulpit capabilities, and official conduct of all the preachers and exhorters whose names, or initials, are on the station plan. When doubts are entertained by the meeting as to the prudence of continuing any one on the plan, or of putting any one thereon, the case may be transferred to the Quarterly Meeting. To this meeting is also transferred any business that remains unsettled at the end of four hours after the commencement of the former meeting. No Preachers' Meeting can sit beyond this time.

Order of Business.

208. Elect a President and a Secretary.

209. The President must read over the names of the preachers on the plan, and ask whether there be any complaint respecting their doctrine, pulpit talents, attention to appointments, moral or official conduct ; and place a mark opposite the name of each one concerning whom it is intimated that a complaint exists, or an observation has to be made.

210. Examine and decide on the cases of the persons that were marked in the previous course.

211. Inquire whether any local preacher has come from another station properly credentialled ; and if so, his name shall be put upon the plan ; but if it shall afterwards be found that he lacks any of the qualifications named in Rules 438, 439, he shall be dealt with as that section provides.

a. When a local preacher leaves a station free from charge or complaint and returns thereto properly credentialled, he shall have his former place on the plan, *i.e.*, next the person after whom he would have stood had he remained on the station.

b. Nevertheless, if during his absence he shall have lost his position through misconduct or separation from our Church, he shall not have his former place on the plan, but shall occupy the one assigned him by the Quarterly Meeting after it shall have duly considered his case.

212. Inquire whether any local preachers on trial are to be raised to the list of approved ones ; and after each case has been disposed of, the meeting must decide respecting the raising of any of the exhorters to be preachers on trial.

213. Inquire whether there are persons suitable to be put on the plan as exhorters, or to be allowed to take appointments in company with other persons. (See Rules 441-444.)

QUARTERLY MEETING.

214. The Quarterly Meeting proper is the highest official meeting of a station, and is composed of the ministers, local preachers on full plan, class-leaders, senior assistant class-leaders, station stewards, society stewards, senior assistant society stewards, two members of the station Sunday School Committee who are members of the Church, and have been chosen by such committee for this purpose, representatives of trust estates and Sunday Schools and Bands of Hope, when nominated and

appointed according to rule, and such representatives of Societies as have been elected according to rule. (See Rule 307.)

a. "Senior" refers to priority of official appointment, and not to the age of the individual.

b. Preachers on trial and exhorters may attend the Quarterly Meeting as hearers, but have neither voice nor vote therein.

215. Before any layman other than a local preacher shall be entitled to a voice or vote in any Quarterly Meeting of his station, he shall undergo an examination by the Quarterly Meeting of Committee of the station respecting the following matters :—

a. His belief in the doctrines, and his knowledge of the Consolidated Rules.

b. His readiness to maintain Church discipline in both his private and official capacity.

c. His willingness to support the funds and institutions of the Church according to his means.

d. The Quarterly or Committee Meeting of the station at which the examination shall take place shall record a resolution in its minute-book setting forth its views of the candidate's fitness for the office to which he has been nominated.

Regular Business.

216. Call over the names of the places and hours of service on the plan and decide whether any alteration shall be made.

217. Attend to the requests as found on the society report forms, and to those from leaders' and trustees' meetings and Sunday Schools.

218. Attend to the business of the station Sunday School Committee. Inquire into the condition of the Sunday Schools, and make all needful arrangements for their improvement. Appoint new schools where needed and practicable. (See Rule 496.)

219. Attend to special requests and letters on business from other stations or persons.

220. Receive the report of the number of members found at the last renewal of tickets, or at the leaders' meetings held between the renewal of the tickets and the Quarterly Meeting.

221. Young persons under fourteen years of age meeting in class, must be reported as junior members of the Church. (See Rules 3, 571-581.)

a. The Conference strongly recommends station Quarterly Meetings to arrange for Quarterly Church Meetings, at which persons who have been received into full membership by a leaders' meeting shall be recognised, and a suitable address given by a minister or some other duly appointed person.

222. Every Quarterly Meeting is recommended to spend a portion of time in considering the spiritual state of its station and the best means of promoting its extension and the revival of God's work therein.

223. Read the minutes of the preachers' meeting, and duly consider every case referred thereby to the Quarterly Meeting.

224. The station stewards shall receive the quarter-age and collections from each place on the plan, the amounts due from the Chapel trusts in the station, and any other moneys which belong to the Quarterly meeting. They must pay all legal demands, viz., for all goods purchased for the station from the Publishing House, house-rents and taxes, all assessments to funds, ministers' salaries, and incidental expenses, and enter all the items in the quarterly account book prepared for the purpose. (See Rules 344-346, 519.)

225. The station stewards or superintendent shall remit to the treasurer of the Connexional Fund within seven days after each Quarterly Meeting the amount due from the station to the fund. (See Rule 697.)

226. Auditors must be appointed, and the accounts of the quarter read over.

227. Relative to money matters, the following rules must be acted upon :—

a. No station must involve itself in debt. If a quarterly meeting attempt to contract debts, the ministers must prudently remonstrate ; and if they fail, they must complain to the District Committee, otherwise they will be regarded as conniving at a breach of rule.

b. If a station cannot pay its ministers their salaries, the deficiency of an approved list minister, including the allowance of two shillings a week for each of his children, shall be one-half more than that of an unmarried probationer. If, however, a minister's salary cannot be raised while he is on the station, he has no legal claim for the deficiency after he has left it.

c. No Quarterly Meeting must appoint special collections to be made after July the 4th to pay the deficient salary of a minister about to leave for another station, nor allow ordinary collections and class moneys to be used for this purpose, as the rights of one minister must not be infringed to meet the deficiencies of another. Any minister suffering from such infringement may, if unable to obtain redress, complain to the District Committee.

228. A copy of the *Collection Journal* issued by the Publishing House shall be provided for each place of worship in order that accounts may be properly kept.

229. Hear and decide on complaints and appeals when introduced according to rule.

230. Appoint the Station Committee and other necessary committees and officers ; and give directions respecting any special business to which they may have to attend during the quarter.

231. Appoint the station steward or stewards ; but no person must be elected to this office who has not been a consistent member of our Church for the preceding twelve months. The appointment is for one quarter ; but any person may be re-appointed if his accounts are satisfactory.

a. The Quarterly Meeting may appoint a second station steward if deemed desirable. In such cases the steward first elected shall be called the senior station steward and the other the junior station steward. The junior station steward shall be a member

of the Quarterly Meeting and Station Committee by virtue of his appointment, and he shall also have equal rights and privileges with the senior station steward in other official meetings. The junior station steward shall not have authority to call an official meeting, except by direct instruction of the senior station steward and in his name. (See Rule 287.)

b. Station stewards must attend to the general business of the station pursuant to the regulations of the Quarterly Meeting by which they were appointed to office, and act in unison with the Station Committee.

c. For improper conduct or inefficiency they may be removed from office by the Committee of the station.

232. Appoint society stewards, assistant society stewards, and all other needful officers.

a. The society steward must supply written notices of services to be held and collections to be made, take charge of the income belonging to the Quarterly Meeting, make provision for the Lord's Supper and attend to the general interests of the Church. (See Rules 330-333.)

233. Church meetings may be appointed for considering the spiritual and financial condition of any society, and for nominating a society steward and assistant steward; but no other business shall be introduced at such meeting except what is stated in Rule 221 a. (See also Rule 307.)

234. Furnish the District Committee with an account of all official members within the station who have left the Church, or been separated therefrom during the past quarter, with the causes thereof.

235. Appoint the time and place for holding the next Quarterly Meeting.

Occasional Business.

236. Examine the state of the chapels and of the station chapel fund, and make needful arrangements for their welfare.

237. Audit the missionary accounts of the station.

238. When a station wishes to engage an additional minister, the Quarterly Meeting thereof must send plans and accounts of the two foregoing quarters to its District Committee, that it may be able to judge whether an additional minister is needed, and what likelihood there is of his being supported. The District Committee shall then send the case, if approved, with its opinion thereon, to the General Committee for its examination and decision.

239. A station which has obtained the sanction required by rule to call out an additional minister shall give a pledge to the District Meeting and Conference to take an additional approved minister at the expiration of four years.

240. Stations which take out ministers to travel must pay their salaries at the first Quarterly Meeting, though they may not have been upon their stations more than eight weeks, and thenceforward they must be paid a full quarter's salary at each quarterly meeting. For these five weeks' pay in advance, ministers will render service from the June quarterly meetings until July 6th, the date of their removal. In this way a minister will always be paid by his station for all the time he labours upon it.

241. The Quarterly Meeting of each station must keep an inventory of the furniture in the houses of its ministers and arrange, when necessary, for a reasonable and economical replenishment thereof.

242. Inquire whether there are any local preachers in the station suitable to become ministers, and send the names of such as are approved, with the requisite testimonial forms—one to the member of the Candidates' Examining Committee of the District ; and the other, with the written sermon of the candidate, to the Secretary of the Candidates' Examining Committee, not later than December 24th. (See Rules 271, 359-371.)

243. No station must receive from another any minister, to labour permanently, unless he has been appointed thereto by the preceding Conference, or subsequently with the sanction of the District and General Committees.

244. Each station must provide a fire-proof safe for such trust deeds as are available, and it must be in the custody of the superintendent minister, or of such other person as the Quarterly Meeting shall appoint.

245. The station and Sunday School reports, chapel schedules, and all other important station documents shall be bound together every ten years.

246. Any station on which a permanent member of the Conference dies, or on which a minister dies, resigns, or ceases, from any cause, to be a minister, shall inform the General Committee of the event within fourteen days of its occurrence.

Additional Duties of the March Quarterly Meeting.

247. It must elect one or more delegates to the District Meeting, and one vice-delegate or more, to supply the place of the principal or principals, if he or they are unable to attend.

a. Each station with less than 300 members shall elect one delegate ; a minister every third year, and a layman each of the other two years.

b. Each station with 300 members, and fewer than 650, and having two ministers, shall elect two delegates, a minister and a layman, in each of the two consecutive years, and two laymen the third year.

c. Each station with 650 members and upwards, and having three ministers, shall elect one minister and two laymen each year.

d. The number of members in branches shall be included in those of the station to which the branch belongs in determining the number of delegates to be elected.

e. Each station must observe the directions as to delegates, printed in connection with the name of the Station in the Minutes of the preceding Conference, and elect delegates, as to ministerial and lay, accordingly.

f. The travelling allowance to delegates to District Meetings shall be third class railway fare.

District Meeting Delegates.

248. No person must be elected delegate to a District Meeting who is inattentive to discipline or against whom there is a charge or complaint pending. Disqualification shall be deemed to exist if he be embarrassed in his temporal circumstances, or an uncertificated insolvent, or if he has been re-admitted into the Connexion within the last five years, or has been troublesome therein. At the time of election he must not be under 21 years of age, and must have been a member of Quarterly Meeting for four successive years.

249. Stations which employ only one minister may, when they send a ministerial delegate to the District Meeting, elect an eligible layman as vice. Or, if a superannuated minister be living on the station and is able to attend, he may be appointed vice-delegate.

a. A person may be chosen who is not present at the Quarterly Meeting.

b. When neither the principal nor vice-delegate is able to attend, the Station Committee or adjourned Quarterly Meeting shall appoint a substitute.

c. A vice-delegate must not attend a District Meeting as a member thereof when the principal delegate is present, unless the latter represents a Committee.

250. The superintendent of the station where a District Meeting is to be held must be informed what office the delegate or delegates thereto fill, and what probationers and candidates will attend for examination, and to preach before the District Meeting.

251. Each station must fill up two report forms for the District Meeting and Conference, both of which must be signed, and one of them sent to the General Committee delegate to the District Meeting within fourteen days after the Quarterly Meeting. (See Rules 410 *d*, 711.)

a. A question shall be inserted in the circuit report form as follows :—What is the circulation of the magazines in your station ?

Review | Aldersgate | C. Messenger | Springtime | Morning |
Teacher and Preacher | Child's Friend.

The March Quarterly Meeting shall also forward a copy of this statement to the District Literature Committee, not later than March 10th.

252. If a permanent member of Conference reside on the station and has become, during the year, unequal to the duties specified in Rule 22, this information must be given on the Station Report to the District Meeting and Conference.

253. Prepare for the District Meeting and Conference the requisite pledges for any one whom it may have, during the year, called into the ministry. (See Rules 404-409.)

254. Circuits having a probationer labouring on them shall furnish a report of his Christian character, pastoral activity, pulpit efficiency and general acceptance as a minister during the year. In the last year of probation this report shall be supplied on the form of application for the approved list. The report each year shall be sent through the District Committee to the Secretary of the Probationers' Examination Committee.

255. Consider the application of ministers for the approved list ; but no Quarterly Meeting must recommend any minister whose health and general conduct are not good ; nor whose fitness to superintend a station and promote its various interests there is reason to doubt. If the meeting be fully satisfied, after due examination, of his suitability for the ministry, it must sign his application, which must be made on a form supplied by the Publishing House. (See Rule 256.) If it has doubts as to his suitability, it must state them, with its reasons for them. (See Rule 107.)

a. When a minister applies to be received on the approved list he must send with his application (on sheets the same size as the printed form) his journals for the preceding twelve months (from March to March) and two original sermons; these must be examined by the Quarterly Meeting, and if approved, officially signed and forwarded to the District Meeting. Approved list applications shall be sent to the Secretary of the Probationers' Examining Committee, and the Journal and Sermons to the General Committee Delegates.

b. When a minister is recommended for the approved list, the Quarterly Meeting must arrange for him to attend the District Meeting for examination.

256. APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO THE APPROVED LIST.

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT.

1. When did you become a member of the Primitive Methodist Church?

2. When did you become a local preacher in our Church and in what circuit?

3. By what station were you pledged?

4. Give an account of the stations on which you have travelled.

a. Station.

b. Time when you entered.

c. Time when you left.

d. Members when you entered.

e. Members when you left.

f. Ordinary income first quarter.

g. Ordinary income last quarter.

N.B.—If, during the time you travelled in any station, there was a decrease in the number of its members or in its income, give the cause of such decrease.

5. Are the doctrines which you believe and preach none other than those contained in the Deed Poll,

sections 3 and 12, and the General Rules, page 1, 1912. If not, say wherein you dissent from those doctrines.

6. Are you in debt ? If so, say to what amount.

7. Are you a member of the Itinerant Preachers' Friendly Society ?

N.B.—No person shall be received into the list of approved preachers who is not a member of the Itinerant Preachers' Friendly Society, or who is not applying for membership.

8. Have you attached to your application, on sheets the same size as this form, your journals for the last twelve months, and two original sermons ?

Signed by me this day of March, 19
Applicant.

TESTIMONIALS OF THE STATION.

9. What reasons have you for believing that the constitution of the applicant is sound ?

10. Is his general health good ?

11. Has he, during his probation, observed the rules on family visiting ?

12. Is his general conduct good ?

13. Have you duly examined his journals for the last twelve months, and his two original sermons attached hereto ?

14. What is your opinion as to the fidelity of the statements contained in his journal, and are the sermons an average specimen of his preaching ?

15. What reasons have you for believing that he is fit to superintend a station, and to promote its spiritual, numerical, financial, and various other interests ?

16. Are you fully satisfied that he is suitable for our ministry ? • If you have doubts as to his suitability you must state them, and give reasons for your doubts.

Signed on behalf of the Quarterly Meeting, held this day of March, 19

President.

Secretary.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT MEETING.

17. Have you duly examined the applicant, his application, and journals for the past twelve months, and his two original sermons hereto attached ?

18. How has the General Probationers' Examining Committee reported to you on his case ?

19. Are you fully satisfied that he is fit to superintend a station and to promote its spiritual, numerical, financial, and various other interests ; and that he is likely to reflect credit on the ministerial office and on the Primitive Methodist Church ?

Signed on behalf of the District Meeting held this day of May, 19

President.

Secretary.

257. Examine the applications of probationers seeking admission into the "Itinerant Preachers' Friendly Society," and record approval or disapproval of them ; the documents must be signed by the president and secretary of the meeting. (See Rules 107, 719.)

258. The Quarterly Meeting must decide whether it has any special case which requires the re-stationing of a minister for more than a third year. When it has, it must state the case in writing to the District Meeting and Conference.

a. In every special case of stationing, the inviting Quarterly Meeting shall make a record in its minute-book of the numbers voting for and against and neutral, and forward a copy thereof on the station report to the District Meeting and Conference. (See Rule 111.)

259. It may submit legislation to the District Meeting and Conference in the form in which it is designed to appear in print, giving briefly the reasons which led to its preparation. (See Rules 62, 104.)

260. The chapel schedules must be examined and signed, a duplicate of which must be sent to the secretary of the District Building Committee within seven days after the Quarterly Meeting. (See Rules 342, 352.)

261. When a minister belonging to the station has died during the year, a brief memoir of him must be sent to the Secretary of the General Committee, who shall submit it to the Conference with a view of its being printed in the Annual Minutes.

262. The meeting must make careful inquiry into the character and tenure of trust deeds, so as to ascertain whether the trust property is freehold, copyhold, or leasehold; and it must keep a record of all the deeds, and of the names of the parties in whom the copyhold property is vested. This record must be made at the end of the Quarterly Meeting's account book.

263. It must appoint an adjourned Quarterly Meeting to assemble after the District Meeting, to attend to any business referred to it by that court; but it must not take up any business concerning which the principal Quarterly Meeting gave it no direction to act.

264. All letters required by the District Meetings to be sent to the Conference must be posted in time to reach the Secretary of the General Committee, fourteen days at least before the day fixed for the beginning of the Conference.

Additional Duties of the June Quarterly Meeting.

265. Stations must receive the ministers who are appointed to them by the Conference, and must allow them to fulfil the duties and enjoy the privileges which such appointment involves.

266. Prior to the removal of a minister, it must appoint some person or persons to inspect the furniture and house occupied by him, to see whether everything pertaining thereto is in a clean and orderly condition. If so, the inspectors must give a certificate to this effect to the minister about to remove. If anything is damaged, not clean, or rendered unsuitable for the use of the incoming minister, for which the removing minister is to blame, not having taken due care thereof, it must be made good at his expense ; proper allowance being made for ordinary wear and tear.

267. Carefully examine the roll-books, and see that they are properly filled up, dated, and signed. When the meeting discovers errors or omissions, it must rectify or supply them, as the case may be ; and must sanction such a report only as is alike just to the outgoing and to the incoming ministers. (See Rule 416.)

268. Appoint some person or persons to receive the accounts and documents that will have to be given up by any minister about to remove. (See Rule 418.)

269. Direct the Station Committee to fill up and sign a credential, using the form printed at the Publishing House, and give it to the removing minister whose conduct has been orderly. If any charge or complaint exist against him, the credential must be modified as circumstances require.

Additional Duties of the September Quarterly Meeting.

270. When a station has had a probationer appointed to it by the preceding Conference, both the probationer

and the September Quarterly Meeting shall sign the authorised printed pledge in duplicate, one copy of which shall be retained in the station, and the other sent at once to the General Committee. The pledges shall be binding from the Conference which makes the appointment. (See Rules 404-409.)

Additional Duties of the December Quarterly Meeting.

271. To recommend candidates for the ministry. (See Rules 242, 359-371.)

272. Applications for the "George Lamb Scholarship" shall be submitted to the December Quarterly Meeting of the station in which the applicant resides, and forwarded with the testimonial form to the Secretary of the Candidates' Examining Committee for the Committee and Conference. (See Rules 32, 387, 388.)

273. Appoint yearly meetings for the Sunday Schools and for each trust estate, that proper accounts of the schools and chapels may be obtained for the station report and school and chapel schedules.

274. Attend to the management of rented rooms and preaching places.

a. Each room shall be managed by a Committee, appointed by the Quarterly Meeting, which Committee shall be convened by a minister, the secretary, or the station steward.

b. The Committee shall hold a regular yearly meeting, and appoint a treasurer, a secretary, and any other officers required. This meeting to be appointed in the same manner as a trustees' yearly meeting.

c. The Committee shall, assisted by the superintendent minister, at the yearly meeting balance its yearly accounts up to December 31st, and present them to the March Quarterly Meeting.

Insubordinate Stations.

275. Stations insubordinate to rule or the decisions of Conference shall be reported by the General Committee to the District Meeting and Conference, and no person

in any subordinate station shall be allowed to attend District Meeting or Conference as a delegate nor to have a position upon any District or Connexional Committee, except those ministers and officials who record their protest in the minute-book of the station against the act or acts of insubordination, and forward a copy of the same to the District Meeting and General Committee ; but the appointment of such delegate to the District Meeting shall be made only by the vote of the loyal minority. No station while insubordinate shall have any claim upon any Connexional Fund, and it shall be liable to be otherwise dealt with as the Conference may deem necessary.

FURTHER RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATIONS.

276. Every station has a right to occupy, without interference from another station, all those places at which it first established public religious services, and has continued them at such stated periods as are usually appointed for such services ; and such other places as it has received from any other station in accordance with Rule 278.

a. The right of occupation is not forfeited till the place has been officially left off the station's plan, or public religious services have been officially withdrawn therefrom, or till the authorities have neglected to supply the place with preaching services for six successive weeks.

277. No station must hold religious services at any place which belongs to another station, as stated in Rule 276 ; nor must it intersect another station by opening new places without its consent.

278. Where preaching places belonging to one station are more conveniently situated for another, the respective stations should seek to effect an amicable arrangement, so as to save useless travelling and the inconvenience of one station intersecting another. (See Rule 70.) But no transfer shall be effected without the concurrence of the District Meeting or District Committee of the

District to which such station and societies belong. When it is proposed to transfer any part of a station to a station in another District, the sanction of that District shall be obtained to the transfer.

Invitations of Ministers.

279. Any station in the United Kingdom shall be at liberty to invite a minister within the same geographical limits, and such minister shall be at liberty to accept the invitation, but the invited minister must be in a similar condition to the one who is leaving the inviting station ; that is to say, if the latter be on the approved list, the one invited must be on that list ; if applying for the approved list, the one invited must be in like circumstances, and if on probation the one invited must be on probation. Ministers shall be invited yearly ; such invitations may issue from any Quarterly Meeting provided notice has been given at the previous Quarterly Meeting and published on the station plan ; but no invitation shall be given except for the year immediately ensuing. Any invitation given or accepted in contravention of this rule shall not be confirmed by any District Meeting even conditionally, and stations and ministers affected shall be entered on the May list of unsupplied stations and uninvited ministers.

a. Within fourteen days after the acceptance of an invitation the station shall inform its District Committee of such acceptance ; and the minister accepting shall inform his own District Committee ; and, if going to a station in another District, he shall inform that District Committee also, that such invitation has been accepted.

b. On or before March 25th each year every minister who has not accepted an invitation, and every station unsupplied, must inform the respective District Committees to that effect.

c. Stations are urged to be careful in inviting superintendents to become second or third ministers, as well as in inviting ministers to superintend who are not in the superintendency ; as, owing to this having been done in some cases, considerable inconvenience has been experienced.

d. All invitations given and accepted according to rule shall be binding on both stations and ministers, unless the District Meetings and the Conference see grave reasons to set them aside.

280. Stations and ministers on the April list of unsupplied stations and unstationed ministers, shall have liberty to invite and to accept invitations at any time before the District Meetings, but the General Committee delegates to these meetings shall be informed of such invitations and acceptances not later than April 30th in each year.

281. The stations and ministers on the May list of unsupplied stations and of unstationed ministers, shall have liberty to invite and to accept invitations. Stations and ministers making such engagements shall notify them to the General Committee Secretary within three days thereafter. But negotiations may proceed between stations and ministers until the opening of the Stationing Committee, and in all cases the result shall be placed in the hands of the General Committee Secretary on or before the morning of that day.

282. A station having a minister appointed to it on its invitation shall pay the whole of the travelling expenses of such minister; but when a station has a minister appointed to it uninvited, it shall have an allowance for travelling expenses from the Conference Fund according to Rule 701 *b*.

Ministerial Vacancies.

283. When a vacancy shall occur in any station by the death, resignation, or otherwise, of an approved list minister, the station authorities shall, within twenty-one days of the occurrence of such vacancy, submit the case, with the plans and accounts of the station for the two preceding quarters, to its District Committee, which shall ascertain whether it or some other station in the district is in greater need of relief. The Committee must give preferential consideration to

those stations dependent on grants from the Sustentation Fund.

a. Prior to the District Committee deciding which station shall have relief, the secretary, as soon as he receives information of the vacancy, shall inform each station in the district that a vacancy has occurred, and, if any station needs relief, its plans and accounts for the two preceding quarters must, within seven days, be sent to the Committee. Should the station wherein the vacancy occurs feel aggrieved by the action of its District Committee, it has the right of appeal to the General Committee.

b. Should no over-burdened station be found in the same District, the General Committee shall appoint an approved list minister to fill the vacancy from an over-burdened station in some other part of the Connexion.

c. In cases where a vacancy is not filled up as provided for by the preceding rules, and the station where such vacancy occurs, or some other station which has been applied to, desires partial relief until the following Conference, it shall be met by arrangement with the General Committee, provided always that the station is prepared to contribute such sum to the Connexional Fund as may be determined by the General Committee.

284. No person, unless authorised by the Quarterly Meeting or the Committee of the station in which he resides, ministers of other churches excepted, shall be allowed to occupy any of our pulpits. If the labours of a minister from any other station or any other denomination are desired at any place, the case must be stated to the Committee or Quarterly Meeting of the station, and its consent obtained.

a. No person who is not a consistent member of our Church, and either an accredited local preacher or a minister, or an accredited member and recognised preacher of some other evangelical church, shall be employed on any of our stations as a revivalist. In any case, the sanction of the District Committee must be obtained.

Station Committees.

285. Each Station Committee is composed of the ministers, the station stewards and such other official persons (not fewer than four in number) as have been elected by the Quarterly Meeting. No person must be chosen who has not been a consistent member of our Church for the last twelve months before his election, and who is not, by virtue of office, a member of the Quarterly Meeting.

286. The duty of this Committee is to carry out the decisions of the Quarterly Meeting and manage the general affairs of the station. To this Committee, between the quarterly meetings, the other committees, the leaders' meetings, official persons, and members of the station are amenable.

287. A special committee meeting is convened by a superintendent minister or the station steward. (See Rule 231 *a*.)

288. In cases of special difficulty the advice of the District Committee may be sought.

Branches.

289. A Branch is a part of a station which has a distinct plan and quarterly accounts, a committee and steward, preparatory quarterly meetings, and other official meetings similar to those of the parent station; but its transactions are under the supervision of the parent station committee and general quarterly meeting.

290. No branch shall be formed without the sanction of the Committee of the District to which it belongs; nor shall any branch be absorbed or otherwise disposed of without consulting its parent Quarterly Meeting, nor without the sanction of its District Committee.

New Stations.

291. A New Station is formed of a Branch, or Mission, or of places separated from another station. In order to do this, an application must be made by a Quarterly Meeting of the parent station, or by the General Missionary Committee, as the case may be, through the District Meeting to the Conference. When a branch or part of a station wishes to be made into a new station, and the parent Quarterly Meeting disapproves, such branch or part of a station may convene a special meeting of all its officials, and send its application through the District Meeting to the Conference, whose decision shall be final.

292. Every application to the District Meeting and Conference for sanction to make a new station must include a copy of its last two quarters' accounts and answer the following questions :—

Respecting the Parent Station.

- a. How many ministers, local preachers, members, and places will the parent station retain ?
- b. What arrangements have been made for honouring any pledge for which the station is liable ?
- c. Is the station free from debt ; and if not, what arrangements have been made for paying the debt ?
- d. Does it consent to the making of the new station ?

Respecting the intending new Station.

- a. How many ministers can it sustain ?
- b. What will be the number of its members, local preachers, and preaching places ?
- c. What is the income of the last two quarters of the churches it proposes to include ?
- d. Furnish evidence that it has suitable persons to conduct its business constitutionally and efficiently.

N.B.—The proposed station shall have liberty to send a deputation to the District Meeting to speak concerning the proposal, and shall state on its application whom it has appointed. It shall make provision for payment of the expenses.

Leaders' Meetings.

293. A Leaders' Meeting is composed as follows :—The Station Ministers ; Station Stewards ; Class Leaders ; Assistant Class Leaders ; the Society Steward and Assistant Society Steward ; representatives of the Society elected as per Rule 307 ; the person who represents the Trustees in the Station Quarterly Meeting ; and a representative of the Sunday School, who shall be a Superintendent of the School, unless such Superintendent already has a seat in the Leaders' Meeting by virtue of some other office, in which case the person appointed must be a representative of the School in the Quarterly Meeting ; also one representative of the Band of Hope.

a. A leaders' meeting is not legal unless a minister be present, except in extraordinary cases, of which the meeting must judge—leaving its judgment to be approved or disapproved by its Station Committee or Quarterly Meeting.

b. When a society steward, or assistant society steward has not been nominated by a Society Meeting, the leaders' meeting preparatory to the Quarterly Meeting must make the nomination.

Duties of Leaders' Meetings.

294. These meetings examine the class-books, pay the weekly class-moneys to the society steward, ascertain the attendance of the members, inquire after absentees, take due cognisance of the conduct of the members in general, arrange for commencing new classes when necessary, and adopt prudent means, with the sanction of the station committee, for raising money in support of the station. (See Rules 564-568, 571-581.)

a. A leaders' meeting must remove any leader who may be found unsuitable for the office or guilty of a breach of rule ; must appoint fresh leaders in all needful cases, and make regulations for the society's prosperity.

b. When a new leader or assistant leader is required the class may recommend a person for this office ; but the appointment shall be with the leaders' meeting.

c. No person shall be dismembered for non-attendance at class, or non-payment of contributions, without the sanction of the Quarterly Meeting, nor without evidence that he has been specially visited on these subjects by the leader or a minister.

d. A member wishing to be transferred from one class to another must state the case to his leader, or to a minister, who shall lay it before the leaders' meeting; and if the decision of this meeting be not satisfactory to the member, appeal may be made to the Station Committee, or to the next Quarterly Meeting.

Duties of Class Leaders.

295. A leader must not sanction the insertion in the roll-book of the names of any persons but those approved by the leaders' meeting; nor must he sanction the keeping off the roll-book the names of persons who are recognised by such meeting or the station Quarterly Meeting, according to Rule 294 c.

296. For offences against our Church rules a member or a leader is amenable to his leaders' meeting; and if he refuse to attend such meeting or otherwise answer for his conduct, after having been officially desired to do so, or if he attend but refuse to answer for his conduct, the meeting must deal with the case, and leave him, if dissatisfied with its judgment, to appeal to the next higher official meeting.

297. Each leader must attend his class regularly, and must prayerfully study to impart to his members useful spiritual instruction. When leading his class he must accustom himself to speak briefly, and must encourage his members to be brief in all their exercises.

298. He must regularly collect class and ticket money and pay it in at the leaders' meetings; and if anything has occurred to prevent this being done, he must forward the money to the Quarterly Meeting. The wilful neglect of this duty will deprive him of his vote in the meeting, and repeated neglect will render him liable to be removed from office.

299. Each of his members shall be duly furnished with a copy of the society rules, and requested to pay his class-money weekly.

300. When a member has been absent from his class at the usual time of meeting, either the leader or his deputy must visit the absentee, to ascertain the cause and give suitable advice. If desirable, a visiting company may be formed, from which to depute a person or persons to visit absentees, as also for the purpose of general visitation.

Duties of an Assistant Leader.

301. An assistant leader must lead the class once a month at least, and support his principal in the discharge of his various official duties with becoming diligence and care.

Societies.

302. Societies consist of persons who meet in class, have their names enrolled in a class-book, and hold a ticket of membership, which is renewed quarterly.

Members and their Duties.

303. Any person who has an earnest desire to be saved and to lead a Christian life, may be admitted to meet in class on trial ; but such desire must be shown by consistent conduct three months at least before he is admitted into full membership. (See Rule 2.)

304. No person shall be allowed to remain a member whose manner of life or business transactions are such as to bring discredit upon the cause of Christ and the Church. (See Rule 323.)

305. No person shall be received as an approved member who holds a license for the sale of intoxicating drink.

306. Each member is expected to contribute weekly, and to subscribe at the quarterly renewal of tickets as liberally as circumstances will allow.

Society Meetings.

307. A Society Meeting, composed of members over eighteen years of age, and who have been members for at least twelve months, shall be held between December and March of each year for the purpose of electing representatives to the station Quarterly Meeting for the next year, as follows :—

a. A society with fewer than 100 members shall elect one representative and an additional representative for each additional hundred or fraction of a hundred.

b. No person shall be eligible for election who is under 21 years of age and who has not been a consistent member of our Church for the previous three years, or who does not observe the rules of the Connexion.

c. Church meetings must not be held without the presence of a minister, except in special cases to be provided for by the superintendent minister or the Quarterly Meeting of the station.

Re-admissions.

308. The re-admission of a private member must be proposed by a leaders' meeting to a Quarterly Meeting, whose decision is final ; but the re-admission of a person who has once been an official member requires the further sanction of the District Committee, application for which must, in all cases, be made by the Quarterly Meeting.

309. The re-admission of an official member who has been more than once separated from the Church must not take place without the sanction of the Committee of

the District in which his last separation occurred, but if any special difficulties beset his re-admission, or if he was a minister, he shall not be re-admitted without the still further sanction of the General Committee.

310. A person who has caused trouble in the Church must not be re-admitted as a member without satisfactory evidence that he regrets his conduct, nor until he has given a written pledge that his future conduct will be peaceable.

311. When an application is made to a District Committee or to the General Committee for sanction to re-admit any person formerly an official in our Church the application must state when and where the applicant was last separated from the Church, how many times, and for what reason he was so separated.

312. In dealing with an application for the re-admission of an ex-official member who never was a minister, a District Committee may defer its decision till it has corresponded with his last superintendent minister respecting him.

313. Official members who have been separated from the Church, and while thus separated have removed to any colonial or foreign station, may, if they and the stations respectively wish it, be allowed to meet in class, but they shall not be recognised as members or officials of the Church until sanction for their re-admission has been duly given by the proper authorities.

Removals of Local Preachers.

314. A local preacher about to travel on business or to remove to another station must be accredited by a Committee Meeting or Quarterly Meeting of his station; and either of these meetings may authorise a minister to give a credential to such person; but if he credential a local preacher without this authority, he must be responsible for the consequences,

Credentials.

315. A credential form in duplicate is prepared by the Publishing House, and the superintendent of the station from which a member removes shall send a copy thereof to the superintendent of the station to which he removes; and the duplicate shall be preserved by the superintendent sending the credential. This regulation must be printed upon each station's plan. (See Rule 319.)

a. In the case of students entering the Hartley College, the credential shall be forwarded through the Principal to the superintendent minister of the circuit with which the College is associated.

316. When a member against whom a charge or complaint is pending removes to another station, the station he leaves shall forward a qualified credential such as the circumstances of the case require.

317. Each superintendent minister must ascertain from the leaders or leaders' meetings within his station what members have removed to other stations; and must, if possible, furnish the superintendents of such stations with their names and addresses.

318. A special record shall be made and kept by each station of the names of Church members removing, of the time when, of the society from which and to which they have removed, so that the question upon the station report asking "whether all the members who have removed during the year have been properly credentialed," may be satisfactorily answered.

319. When members emigrate to places where we have missions, the stations from which they go are desired to forward an account of them to the General Missionary Committee.

Suspensions.

320. The suspension of a person is his temporary deprivation of office or of membership for improper conduct, or in order to allow an official meeting time to obtain further information on his case, that it may be better able to decide thereon.

321. When a suspended person leaves our public religious services he shall, unless he appeal to the proper authorities, cease to be a member, or to hold office, as the case may be, at the end of three months ; and such authorities must then decide on his case, or record the decision of a higher assembly.

322. When a minister shall be suspended from his ministerial office the court suspending him shall fix the salary he shall receive, and if he be a probationer, also his allowance for board and lodgings, during the time of his suspension. If he is dissatisfied with such salary and allowance, he may appeal to the following Conference.

Insolvency.

323. Any official member of the Church who becomes bankrupt or who makes an assignment for the benefit of his creditors, shall cease to be an official, but his church-membership is not thereby necessarily severed. (See Rule 304.) If the authorities of the station desire the re-admission of an insolvent to official position they must send from the Quarterly Meeting a full statement of the case to the General Committee. This shall include :

a. A copy of the statement of the debtor's affairs as submitted to the Official Receiver, or in case of an assignment to the meeting of creditors.

b. A list of all his creditors, with the amount owing to each.

c. A certified copy of his discharge, if the court has granted it. (This will not apply in those cases where arrangements are made with creditors.)

d. Letters from his principal creditors as to his uprightness in business affairs. These letters must represent claims equal to two-thirds of the debtor's liabilities.

e. If the Committee believes his insolvency to have been the result of misfortune only, it shall give its sanction; but this decision must not be understood to cancel his obligations to pay all claims in full as soon as possible.

Marriages.

324. All our unmarried members are advised to refrain from marriage with persons whose life and conversation are not according to the Gospel.

Temperance Reform.

325. Our ministers, office-bearers, and members must support all constitutional measures for closing public-houses on Sundays, and use every prudent means to encourage temperance societies and the work of the United Kingdom Alliance for the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors as beverages. (See Rules 582-608.)

Family Worship.

326. All our members who are heads of households are earnestly urged to read the Scriptures and pray with their family daily. At the quarterly renewal of tickets and at other times these duties must be affectionately urged on the members by the ministers.

Sabbath Observance.

327. All our members are earnestly entreated to discourage Sabbath-desecration—by refraining from travelling and working, except in cases of necessity or mercy, by not writing or receiving letters by post or otherwise, and by discouraging all trading and every other practice by which the law of the Sabbath is violated.

a. The Conference strongly recommends that this duty be frequently enforced from the pulpit; that suitable tracts on the subject be circulated; that open-air services be conducted; and that earnest prayer be offered to the Lord of the Sabbath for His gracious interposition on behalf of His holy day, and for His blessing on the efforts made to promote its better observance.

Rule-reading.

328. All official persons are strongly recommended to read our Rules attentively and frequently. Their neglect of this will operate against their being delegated to attend either District Meetings or Conferences.

Religious Services and Ordinances.

Camp Meetings.

329. The preaching and praying services at camp-meetings must be short and lively; and the preaching should be pointed and practical.

a. Every person who takes part in the services must close within the appointed time, or when desired by the conductor of the service to do so.

b. One sermon at each camp-meeting should be specially addressed to children.

The Lord's Supper and Baptism.

330. The Lord's Supper shall be administered by such persons as are appointed on the station plan.

331. Quarterly Meetings must arrange for the administration of the rite of Baptism in our places of worship at such services as may be found most convenient.

332. A book for the registration of Baptisms must be obtained from the Publishing House by each station, and kept by the superintendent minister, in which every Baptism shall be registered as early as possible after the administration of the rite. The Quarterly Meeting must determine what fees shall be charged for certificates.

333. Each society steward shall be supplied by the Quarterly Meeting with a book containing forms in duplicate for the purpose of giving all information necessary for registering baptisms. When the rite is administered by any other person than a minister one of these forms shall be filled up, and handed along with the fee to the superintendent minister or one of his colleagues at the earliest opportunity ; and the minister receiving the form shall attend to the registration, and supply the parents with a certificate. Station authorities, and Sunday School teachers and officers, shall endeavour, in the way they consider best, to secure the attendance at the Sunday School of all the children that are baptised in our churches.

Choirs.

334. No person but a member of the Church, or of good moral character, must be appointed to conduct the singing, or to play on any musical instrument, in any of our places of worship at any public service.

a. A Quarterly Meeting may form a committee or committees of members of society, including the ministers, to conduct the business of the choir, and may appoint the times when they shall meet. Special meetings must be called by a minister ; and difficult cases must be referred to the Committee or Quarterly Meeting of the station.

335. Our members are strongly recommended not to practise Christmas singing at night. Where, however, this has been customary, with a view to obtain money for charitable purposes, the money so raised must be appropriated under the direction of the Station Committee or Quarterly Meeting. While engaged in this work no intoxicants must be used, nor shall the aid of any singers be sought whose characters are not strictly commendable.

Trustees and Trustees' Meetings.

336. A trustees' meeting is composed of the superintendent minister and the trustees of a chapel or other property, and if the superintendent cannot attend he may delegate one of his colleagues to take his place ; but no trustees' meeting is legal unless attended either by the superintendent minister or a colleague appointed by him ; nor unless the superintendent minister has received timely notice of the meeting, so enabling him to attend himself or arrange with a colleague to do so.

337. Trustees' meetings may be convened by order of the Quarterly Meeting, the Station Committee, the superintendent minister or by any two of the trustees. Ordinary trustees' meetings may be called by written notices served personally or by post, or by announcement at the public services on the Sunday.

338. A special meeting to consider the alteration, enlargement, or mortgaging of the property, the letting of any house or school-room, the fixing or alteration of any rents, or the appropriation of funds otherwise than for current expenses, must be convened by written notice, served personally or by post, at least seven days before the day on which the meeting is held, and specifying the time, place, and purpose of the meeting. (See Model Chapel Trust Deed, Clause 49.)

339. The trustees of each estate must have a suitable minute-book in which to record the resolutions passed at their ordinary and special meetings, in which shall also be recorded the names and addresses of the trustees ; in cases of removal the places to which they remove, and in case of death, the date of the decease, and place and date of interment.

340. Trustees must manage their affairs according to the provisions of the trust deed and the rules which relate to chapel matters, subject to the Quarterly Meeting and Committee of the station to which they belong.

341. The trustees of a chapel, or other trust property, must, at their yearly meeting, appoint a treasurer to receive and pay money on their behalf; a secretary to keep check accounts, write the minutes of the trustees' meetings, and see that they are carried out, and in case of chapels, one person or more to attend to the seat letting.

a. Trustees' meetings must see that the aforesaid officers discharge their duties properly; and in case of negligence or unfaithfulness, remove them from office, and choose others in their stead.

b. Seat stewards are recommended, when letting seats, to request a quarter's payment in advance.

342. The trustees of each chapel, or other trust property, assisted by a minister, must balance their yearly accounts up to December 31st. The accounts must be audited and signed by a minister and entered upon a yearly report form, provided for the purpose by the Publishing House, which the minister also shall sign as auditor. This report form, with any needful explanations appended thereto, must be forwarded to the following March Quarterly Meeting, and, if approved thereby, must be signed by the president and secretary. (See Rule 260.)

343. The trustees of a chapel, or of a manse or minister's house held on a separate trust, and under the Model Deed, may, at their yearly meeting, choose one of their number, who is a member of the Church, to represent their interests at the leaders' meetings and at the Quarterly Meetings of the station. This privilege belongs also to any chapel committee of management appointed as Rule 347 directs.

344. Trustees of chapels are urged to reduce the debt upon their respective trust estates at least five per cent. per annum. Where the debt is not more than one-third of the total cost, the estate shall contribute at least one halfpenny in the pound on the cost to the station fund. This amount shall be sent in equal quarterly instalments to the station fund, and shall be entered on the quarterly report.

345. The trustees of those chapels which are in independent or easy circumstances must attend to the anniversary and other collections, pew rents, school rents, and other rents ; and after all debts are paid and current expenses met, apply the surplus as rule and the title-deeds of the chapels direct.

346. The trustees of debtless chapels or those in easy circumstances shall, when practicable, and when it can be done in harmony with the trust deeds, be desired to assist the Quarterly Meetings of the station to which they belong in supporting the ministry and defraying other necessary expenditure.

347. When the trustees of a chapel, or other trust property, have failed to manage its affairs properly, a Quarterly Meeting of the station must appoint a committee to take the management thereof. The committee shall appoint one of its members as treasurer, another as secretary, and a third as seat-steward.

348. The superintendent minister must conduct all official correspondence with the Connexional committees on chapel affairs within his station.

349. None of our chapels must be used for the purpose of political or religious controversy, or for the delivery therein of political lectures.

350. All Connexional property must be secured by trust deeds made in conformity with our Model Deed ; and before any solicitor shall be employed to make a deed, his written engagement must, if practicable, be obtained, stating what will be his charge, and that he will follow our Model Deed.

a. As heavy charges have been made for the preparing of title-deeds, ministers and trustees are recommended to consult their Building Committees, when necessary, as to what their deeds should cost, and to allow those Committees to get the deeds made, when they can do this for a less sum than would be charged to the applicants.

351. All our trust deeds must, by order of the Conference, be enrolled within six months after the date of their execution ; and they must be previously signed by two witnesses to the signature of the vendor.

a. Persons wishful to have the enrolment of their deeds properly and cheaply attended to, may send them to the General Committee Secretary for enrolment in London.

b. In the Isle of Man the authorities of each Station must see that the deed of each new trust property is duly registered in the Registry office at Douglas. Copies of the Deed Poll and Model Deed are deposited in the said office.

352. All chapels secured for the use of our Church, and not held on the Model Trust Deed, must be reported by the Station Quarterly Meeting along with those that are held on the Model Trust Deed, to the District Meeting and Conference.

353. Each chapel, room, and cottage, used for public worship, must be registered by the superintendent registrar of the district, and a copy of the certificate of registration must be entered in the book in which the names of the trustees are recorded, or in the minute-book of the station Quarterly Meeting.

354. Stations must attend to the appointment of new trustees for Connexional property in all cases where the trustees are reduced to the number fixed by the trust deeds as that at which such appointment shall take place, and the names of such new trustees must be submitted to the District Building Committee for approval. In the appointment of new trustees the station authorities shall be careful to see that all outstanding liabilities are taken over by the new trustees, carefully preserve all evidence of the discharge of the outstanding liabilities, and inform the Building Committee of the District that these conditions have been attended to.

355. The appointment of new trustees shall be effected as far as may be expedient under the Trustees' Appointment Acts, 1850-1890, and the Form for this purpose shall be supplied by the General Committee Secretary. In Middlesex and Yorkshire these appointments must be registered in the Land Registry of the respective counties. (See Rules 170, 171, 354, 356.)

356. Prior to the signing of any memorandum (by which the appointment of new trustees is made) by the chairman of the Quarterly Meeting making the appointment, the proposed new trustees shall sign a declaration on the third page of the memorandum and under the following preamble: "We, the undersigned, inscribe our names on this deed as trustees of the property set forth on the first page thereof, with full knowledge of the duties and responsibilities attaching to the office which we hereby accept." The signature of each trustee shall be attested by two witnesses who are not trustees.

357. When the trustees of any chapel, the committee of any Sunday School or preaching-room, or any other committee within a station has money in hand, not wanted for immediate use or appropriation, it shall be invested in the Primitive Methodist Chapel Aid Association, Limited, in the Post Office Savings Bank, in some Bank guaranteed by Government, or in other real and reliable securities. All such investments shall be made under the sanction of the Quarterly Meeting or Station Committee, in the names of at least two persons, one of whom shall be the superintendent minister for the time being, the other or others may be nominated by the trustees or committee to whom the money belongs; but the appointment shall be by the Quarterly Meeting or Station Committee.

358. For the convenience of managing any Primitive Methodist chapel and premises and the regulation of any Primitive Methodist Society out of Great Britain, the

Conference may invest any one or more of its members with all or any of the powers and privileges vested in itself ; and when such powers and privileges shall have been exercised, and the results described in its journal and signed by the member or members empowered as aforesaid, then the acts of such member or members, if within the limits of the delegated authority, shall have the same force as if they had been directly performed by the Conference.

Ministers.

359. These are called into the ministry from among our local preachers with the sanction of the General Committee or the Conference. The Conference alone can sanction calling into the ministry a married man or a widower with children, or a single man above twenty-five years of age.

360. No minister from another community shall be admitted to our ministry until he has been a member of our Church twelve months, unless proof be given that he is deeply pious and specially useful in the conversion of sinners, and that he has fairly and honourably resigned his connection with the ministry to which he formerly belonged. This rule also applies to persons seeking admission to the Hartley College.

361. No person who has been a minister in Great Britain shall be taken into the ministry on one of our foreign stations until official sanction has been given for his being so employed.

Stations Recommending Candidates.

362. No one shall be recommended for the reserve list, or the Hartley College, unless his constitution is

sound and healthy, his piety unquestionable, his mental powers good, his temporal circumstances unembarrassed ; nor unless he is of industrious habits, and is aware of the duties he will have to perform as described in our Rules, and will use prudent and successful efforts to save souls.

363. Before a station recommends a candidate for the ministry, it shall carefully examine him concerning his views of Christian doctrine, in reading and writing, knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, English grammar, history, geography, arithmetic, theology, Church history, evidences of Christianity, and the history and polity of our own Church. If such examination be satisfactory to the December Quarterly Meeting, it shall supply the testimonials required by Rule 367. The text-books are those prescribed for the written examination. (See Rule 380.)

364. When a candidate for the ministry is under twenty-one years of age, the certificate on the testimonial form must be signed by his parents or guardians, stating that they consent to his becoming a minister.

365. When a station recommends a person for the ministry who has not been a regular member and local preacher thereon for the twelve months prior to the time of such recommendation, a testimonial must be supplied by his previous station so as to cover twelve months to date of recommendation.

366. Candidates' expenses when attending the centre for their oral examination shall be paid by the station recommending them.

RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

367. Two forms must be filled up at the December Quarterly Meeting for each candidate, and one sent

along with the written sermon to the Secretary of the Candidates' General Examining Committee, and the other to the District member of that Committee. No Testimonial Form shall be received by the Secretary after December 24th.

QUARTERLY MEETING EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

Dear Brethren.

We have examined the undermentioned person according to rule and hereby recommend him for the Oral Examination.

1. His name is.....
2. His postal address is.....
3. Give day and year of his birth.

If he is under 21 years of age the form below must be filled up and signed,

“ We, the Parents and Guardians of
of give our free
and full consent for him to become a Primitive Methodist
Travelling Preacher.”

Signed

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4. What is, or has been, his occupation ?
5. Is he a total abstainer ?
6. When and in what Christian Church was he converted ?
7. How long has he been a member in our Church ?
8. Has he been a regular member and local preacher in the Primitive Methodist Church for the last twelve months ?
9. How long has he been a local preacher in your circuit ?

If the candidate has not been a local preacher in your circuit during the whole of the last twelve months, a testimonial must be supplied by his previous circuit so as to cover twelve months to date of recommendation,

10. Does he (a) regularly meet in class ?.....
 (b) attend and take part in the Sunday evening prayer
 meeting ?.....(c) support the cause
 financially ?.....

11. Is he actively engaged in any form of Christian
 work, and with what success ?

12. Give your grounds for believing (a) That his
 character and conduct are such as will secure the respect
 and confidence of our churches ; (b) that his intellectual
 gifts, and especially his preaching capacity, are likely to
 make him useful ; (c) that the spiritual results of his
 work, so far, warrant his being admitted into the ranks
 of our ministry. (a).....
 (b)..... (c).....

13. Give the names and addresses of persons who
 profess to have been converted through his agency ?

If there are no conversions to report what
 explanations have you to offer ?

14. Does he know, from reading our Rules, the duties
 he will have to perform as a travelling preacher ?

15. Have you examined him concerning his know-
 ledge of the Holy Scriptures, his views of Christian
 Doctrine, his ability to read and write and his knowledge
 of English Grammar, History, Geography, Arithmetic,
 and the Connexional History and Polity ? If so, with
 what result ?

16. Has he been a travelling preacher ? If so,
 testimonials from the station which last employed him
 must be sent.

17. Is he prepared to enter the College and to pay
 the required fees and expenses ?

18. In recommending the candidate, how many
 votes were cast for him—how many against him—and
 how many were neutral ?

[The figures must be given].

19. Has he made any engagement relative to marriage? If so, give the name and address of the young woman, and the following form must be filled up and signed.

STATION'S TESTIMONY.

In our opinion of is in all respects a suitable person to become the wife of a Primitive Methodist travelling preacher.

Signed on behalf of the station 19

President.
Secretary.

Signed by order of the Quarterly Meeting of the
Station held December 19

President.
Secretary.

368. Applications for the Lamb Scholarship must be made by the candidate in the same way and sent with the other documents at the same time. (See Rules 32, 272, 387, 388.)

369. After the General Committee's sanction has been obtained for calling out a minister, he must not be employed as such until he has given the required pledge to the station.

Calling out Married Men and Widowers.

370. When a married man or a widower with a family is recommended for the ministry, the same information as is required in the case of one unmarried must be sent to the Secretary of the Candidates' Examining Committee.

371. The application must contain answers to the following questions:—

a. What family has he?

b. Is he aware that he will not be entitled to more than £16 a quarter for the support of himself and family, without anything extra, until the completion of his probation, whether that shall be at the end of four years, or a longer time ? (See Rule 428.)

c. Do his temporal circumstances warrant his entering on his probation in such case ?

d. Does he know that he must send a pledge to the District Meeting and Conference, promising that he will not, during his probation, directly or indirectly, solicit any other help from those among whom he shall labour.

This information must be sent immediately after the December Quarterly Meeting, and these candidates must also pass the Oral and Written examinations.

CANDIDATES' EXAMINATIONS.

General Examining Committee.

372. The Candidates' Examining Committee is composed of the three Oral Examiners appointed by the Conference, and the secretary of the Hartley College, together with a representative from each District, nominated by the respective District Meetings.

Oral Examination.

373. The Oral Examination shall be conducted by the three persons appointed for the purpose, all of whom shall attend at the three following centres—London, Leeds, and Birmingham. The time and place of meeting to be arranged by the Candidates' Examining Committee, as appointed by the Conference, and published in the annual Conference Minutes.

374. The stations must state on the candidates' testimonial forms which centre the candidate will attend for examination.

375. The Oral Examination shall include—the Holy Scriptures, with (a) Reading aloud a passage selected by the Examiners. (b) Writing a paragraph from dictation [style of writing, punctuation, and orthography to be considered in deciding its value]. (c) English Grammar, Geography, and Arithmetic. (d) Candidates

must also be examined as to their conversion, present Christian experience, call to the ministry, their knowledge of experimental Theology, the history, doctrines and polity of our own Church, their methods of study and preparation for the pulpit, of pastoral work and visitation, dealing with penitents, the conduct of religious services, and the holding of official meetings. The examiners must test the mental vigour and resourcefulness of the candidates by such means as they shall deem best. The number of marks for the Oral Examination shall be two hundred for the maximum, and one hundred and twenty for the minimum.

376. Examiners must not recommend candidates for the Written Examination who are seriously defective in the subjects marked *a b c*, Rule 375, or who suffer from any physical disability which might interfere with their acceptance and usefulness, but they must be careful not to reject young men who, though found lacking in educational advantages, give evidence of deep piety and great promise, have good natural gifts, and more than average preaching ability. (For list of books see Rule 380.)

377. The examiners shall have each candidate examined by a medical man as to the state of his health and the soundness of his constitution; and if, in any case, the candidate is not pronounced sound in constitution, he shall not be accepted. The expense of this medical examination shall be borne by the candidates.

378. THE ORAL EXAMINING COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL EXAMINING COMMITTEE, THE GENERAL COMMITTEE, AND THE CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren.

1. We have examined Mr. _____ in the Holy Scriptures, Reading, Writing, Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, Experimental Theology, History, Doctrines,

and Polity of the Connexion; also his methods of study, pulpit preparation, pastoral work, dealing with penitents, conduct of religious service, the holding of official meetings, and his mental vigour and resourcefulness, with the result

2. Number of marks for Oral Examination.

3. What are your views of his mental powers, and of his special fitness for the Primitive Methodist Ministry?

4. Does he suffer from any physical disability?

*Certificate to be signed by a duly qualified
Medical Man.*

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I have duly examined Mr. _____ and believe him to be in good health, of sound constitution, and free from all organic and physical defect.

Signed by me _____ day of _____ 19____

5. Do you recommend him for the written examination?

Signed by order of the Oral Examining Committee
held at _____ this _____ day of _____ 19____

President.

Secretary.

Candidates who pass successfully the Oral Examination shall attend the District Meeting for the purpose of taking the Written Examination. They shall also conduct a public service and preach before six persons—three ministers and three laymen—who shall be appointed by the District Committee immediately preceding the District Meeting, and who shall determine the number of marks to be given for the preached sermon. The District representative on the Candidates' Examining Committee shall be one of the six persons, and he shall be the convener of the Meeting which shall determine the results. The maximum number of marks shall be fifty. Candidates attending the District

Meeting Examination shall pay their own travelling expenses for the first fifty miles each way, any further distance to be paid by the Connexional Fund.

379. THE DISTRICT MEETING EXAMINERS' REPORT,
ON THE PREACHED SERMON, TO THE GENERAL
EXAMINING COMMITTEE AND THE CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren,

We have heard Mr.

preach.

The text was

Treatment of same

Number of marks

Signed this

day of

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President.

Secretary.

Written Examination.

380. The Written Examination shall be on the following books and subjects :—

- a. English Grammar :—Oxford and Cambridge (Gill's Series).
- b. A General Paper on the Holy Scriptures.
- c. English History :—Ransome's "Short History."
- d. Theology :—J. R. Gregory's "Theological Student," and Wesley's Twelve Sermons, called "The Marrow of Methodism."
- e. Christian Evidences :—Prebendary Row's "Manual of Christian Evidences."
- f. Ethics :—W. T. Davison's Fernley Lecture—"The Christian Conscience."
- g. The History and Polity of our Church—H. B. Kendall's "Short History," and "Handbook of Church Principles and Polity," the General Rules and Deed Poll of the Connexion.

With the consent of the Conference, this list may be revised by the Examining Committee from time to time.

381. Twelve questions shall be set on each subject or book, only ten of which shall be attempted by the candidate.

382. The Written Examination shall commence at two o'clock on the Tuesday preceding the District Meeting, and shall be conducted by the District representative on the Candidates' Examining Committee. The examiner shall be present from the beginning to the close of the examination, and shall take care that the questions are answered by the candidate without the aid of books or notes of any kind. The papers shall be distributed by him at the beginning, collected at the time appointed, and forwarded according to instructions by the first post after each session. The time allowed for each subject shall be three hours.

383. The total number of marks for the whole examination is 900. Of these 200 shall be the maximum for the Oral Examination, 50 each for the preached sermon, the written sermon, English Grammar, and English History, and 100 for each of the remaining five subjects in the written examination. The minimum for the Reserve list shall be 725, and for the College list 630.

384. Each candidate shall supply a written sermon, which shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the Quarterly Meeting, and sent along with one of the testimonial forms, properly filled up, from the December Quarterly Meeting to the Secretary of the Candidates' Examining Committee, to be valued and marked by the said Committee.

385. Candidates who pass successfully either for college or reserve list, but who have neither been appointed to a station nor received into college, shall attend the ensuing District Meeting for examination upon their labours and studies during the year. They shall not be required to fill up a testimonial form, nor to provide medical or other certificates. But should

any candidate on the college list wish to take the written examination at the District Meeting, or to preach again, with a view to improving the position gained by him on the previous occasion, he shall be at liberty to do so ; otherwise, he shall take his place on the college list, according to his number of marks. The age of these candidates shall be reckoned from the time of their first successful examination—as to age limit.

386. Candidates who have graduated in Arts or matriculated at any of the Universities in the United Kingdom shall be exempt from taking English Grammar and English History. For the remaining subjects they must gain 645 marks for the Reserve list, and 560 for the College list. If a candidate be married or over 25 years of age, he must secure a place on the Reserve list unless the Candidates' Examining Committee find special reason for recommending the case to Conference.

The Lamb Scholarship.

387. This Scholarship secures the advantage of a College course of training for worthy young men who are unable to pay the usual fees, and whose parents or guardians cannot assist them to do so.

388. Candidates who consider they have a claim on this ground must fill up an application form, which shall be supplied from the Publishing House. In this form they shall state (*a*) what is their employment, (*b*) how long they have been in it, (*c*) what is the amount of their weekly income and expenditure, (*d*) what is the occupation of their parents or guardians, (*e*) and whether they are able or willing to render financial help. They shall sign the document as being a faithful statement of their circumstances ; and it shall be endorsed by the December Quarterly Meeting and forwarded, with other documents of the applicant to the Secretary of the Candidates' Examining Committee, for the Conference. (See Rules 32, 272, 367.)

Students : (See Hartley College).

EXAMINATION OF MINISTERS ON PROBATION.

I.

389. For probationers who have remained in College for three years the examinations during probation shall be confined to selected portions of the Old and New Testaments in the original languages, the questions to embrace grammar, translation and retranslation, introduction and interpretation. The following shall be the selected portions (or such other as the Probationers' Examining Committee may from time to time determine. This applies also to the selected O.T. and N.T. portions in Course II.) :—

FIRST YEAR.

1. Judges, chapters 9-12 inclusive.
2. St. Luke's Gospel, chapters 13-24 inclusive.

SECOND YEAR.

1. Deuteronomy, chapters 15-19 inclusive.
2. Acts of the Apostles, chapters 13-26 inclusive.

THIRD YEAR.

1. Isaiah, chapters 49-55 inclusive.
2. Epistle to the Romans, chapters 1-8 inclusive.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Job, chapters 29-31 and 38-39 inclusive.
2. Epistle to the Hebrews.

N.B.—(a) In the case of the above subjects Introduction shall cover the whole of the Books from which the portions have been selected, except that as regards Isaiah, only chapters 40-66 shall be thus dealt with.

(b) The following Commentaries are recommended for study :—

OLD TESTAMENT. G. F. Moore's "Judges" (Inter. Crit. Com.), S. R. Driver's "Deuteronomy" (Inter. Crit. Com.), J. Skinner's "Isaiah," Vol. II. (Camb. Bible for schools), A. S. Peake's "Job" (Cent. Bible).

NEW TESTAMENT. A. Plummer's "Luke" (Inter. Crit. Com.), T. E. Page's "Acts," together with J. V. Bartlet's "Acts" (Cent. Bible), Sanday and Headlam's "Romans" (Inter. Crit. Com.), A. S. Peake's "Hebrews" (Cent. Bible), together with F. W. Farrar's "Hebrews" (Camb. Greek Test. for schools).

II.

390. For probationers who have left College at the end of the second year of their course the subjects of examination shall be as follows :—

FIRST YEAR.

1. Hebrew. Judges, chapters 9-12 inclusive.
2. Greek. St. Luke's Gospel, chapters 15-24 inclusive, with Fairbairn's "Studies in the Life of Christ."
3. Menzies' "History of Religion."
4. G. W. Wade's "Old Testament History."

SECOND YEAR.

1. Hebrew. Deuteronomy, chapters 15-19 inclusive.
2. Greek. Acts of the Apostles, chapters 13-26 inclusive, with Page's Notes on that portion, together with the Introduction.
3. Orr's "Christian View of God and the World," Lects. I.-IV.
4. G. F. Stout's "Outlines of Psychology."

THIRD YEAR.

1. Hebrew. Isaiah, chapters 49-55 inclusive.
2. Greek. Romans, chapters 1-8 inclusive, with A. E. Garvie's Notes on that portion, including Introduction (Century Bible).

3. Orr's "Christian View of God and the World." Lect. V. to end of Appendix on "The Idea of the Kingdom of God."

4. Professor Watson's "Outlines of Philosophy" to page 302.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Hebrew. Job, chapters 29-31 and 38-39 inclusive.

2. Greek. Epistle to the Hebrews, with A. S. Peake's Commentary (Century Bible).

3. Bruce's "Apologetics." Introduction and Books 1 and 3.

4. Walker's "Brief Text-book of Political Economy."

N.B.—(a) So far as the Greek and Hebrew questions are concerned, they shall be confined to grammar, translation, and retranslation, but the books recommended in the case of the three years' men are also recommended to those who have been only two years in College.

(b) Probationers due to take the foregoing course may substitute for the Hebrew paper the Old Testament (English) subject set for men who have not been to College, but shall only receive eighty marks as the maximum for such paper.

III.

391. Probationers who have not been to College, or who leave before they have completed two years' residence there, shall be examined each year of their probation in the following books and subjects, with the option of taking the two subjects of Holy Scripture in Hebrew and Greek, as stated in Course II., in place of the corresponding Scripture subjects prescribed below :—

FIRST YEAR.

1. Driver's "Joel and Amos." (Cambridge Bible for schools.)

2. St. Luke's Gospel with Fairbairn's "Studies in the Life of Christ."

3. Lidgett's "Spiritual Principle of the Atonement." (Fernley Lecture.)

4. Jevon's "Logic," omitting chapters 7, 13, 22, 23.

5. Menzies' "History of Religion."

SECOND YEAR.

1. Skinner's "Kings." (Century Bible.)

2. Bartlet's "Acts of the Apostles." (Century Bible.)

3. Orr's "Christian View of God and the World." Lects. I.-IV.

4. Stout's "Groundwork of Psychology."

5. Fisher's "Church History. The Ancient and Mediæval Eras."

THIRD YEAR.

1. Skinner's "Isaiah," Vol. II. (Cambridge Bible for schools.)

2. Garvie's "Epistle to the Romans." (Century Bible.)

3. Orr's "Christian View of God and the World." Lecture V. to end of Appendix on "The Idea of the Kingdom of God."

4. Professor Watson's "Outline of Philosophy" to page 302.

5. Fisher's "Church History." The Modern Era.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Peake's "Job." (Century Bible.)

2. Peake's "Epistle to the Hebrews." (Century Bible.)

3. Bruce's "Apologetics," Introduction and Books 1 and 3.

4. Walker's "Brief Text-book of Political Economy."
5. Wade's "Old Testament History."

392. Subject to the consent of Conference this list may be revised by the Examining Committee from time to time. The books shall be supplied by the Committee to the Examiners and be the property of the Committee.

393. Probationers shall be examined yearly by a Committee appointed by Conference, and consisting of not more than fifteen persons including the secretary. The Committee shall make all needful arrangements for distributing its work among its members, and shall meet, at the time and place fixed by Conference, to decide the number of marks which each examinee shall receive and to agree upon its report to the District Meetings and Conference. The report shall state the number of marks each examinee has gained.

394. The secretary shall prepare for the press the questions drawn up by the several members of the committee, get them printed, and send, not later than March 20th in each year, to the presiding examiner for each district, a sufficient number of copies for those ministers in his District who are to be examined.

395. The District Committee Secretary for each District shall be presiding examiner and shall supervise the examination of probationers in his own District. He shall summon to one or more centres such ministers as are to sit for examination, and see that the questions are answered without assistance from other sources than the examinee's own mental stores. When two or more centres are required in any District the District Committee Secretary for that District is authorised to employ trustworthy persons as assistant presiding examiners. At the close of each Session the presiding examiner shall immediately forward all papers to the

examiners in accordance with instructions given him by the Secretary of the Examining Committee.

a. The number of marks assigned for each paper shall be 100, and the minimum required in order to pass shall be sixty per cent. of the total marks for the year.

b. The Examining Committee shall prepare the questions for the examination and written answers shall be given.

c. Ten questions shall be prepared on each subject, seven only of which shall be attempted. Three hours shall be allowed for the filling up of each paper.

396. The ordinary examination shall commence on the last Tuesday in March, unless Conference otherwise directs.

397. The names of probationers, with the years of their ministry, shall be printed separately in the annual Conference Minutes.

398. No year in which a probationer has failed to take, or to pass, his examination for that year shall count as one of his probation unless, for scholastic or other satisfactory reasons, the Conference shall otherwise decide.

399. Fourth year's probationers who have failed to complete their examinations shall have a year, or years, added to their probation that this may be done.

400. The Conference shall arrange for an arrears examination at which only those probationers in arrears, who are permitted to fill up two sets of papers, shall be allowed to sit.

401. The General Committee or the General Missionary Committee shall communicate any resolution bearing upon the examination of probationers to the Secretary of the Probationers' Examining Committee, and shall also inform him of the removal of any probationer from one district to another in the course of the year.

402. Probationers who, on entering on probation, shall have taken the B.D. degree at a recognised British

University, shall be free from the Probationers' Examination.

403. Probationers who are taking courses for the B.D. degree at a recognised British University shall be free from the Probationers' Examination, provided that, before being admitted into the approved list, they shall either have gained the degree or have passed such examination as the Probationers' Examining Committee shall require. Each such probationer shall present a report annually to the Probationers' Examining Committee stating the progress he is making in his studies. This report must be forwarded by the probationer concerned to the Secretary of the Examining Committee in time for its meeting in April.

PLEDGE FORMS.

404. These pledges, except those named in Rule 409, shall be signed by the probationers and the September Quarterly Meetings of the stations concerned.

The Pledge of the Station.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Station to the Conference.

405. DEAR BRETHREN,—We have taken out to labour as a minister and if he should during the time of his probation fail, through affliction, misconduct, negligence in duty, inefficiency, or any other cause, to perform successfully and acceptably the work of a minister in any station to which he may be appointed, we hereby pledge this station to give up a minister instead of him, according to rule, unless this responsibility has been transferred to another station. Furthermore, we pledge the station to lay up £40 during his probation for furnishing an additional minister's house, and to remit it yearly, in equal quarterly instalments, to the District Treasurer

as follows :—£4 the first year ; £8 the second year ; £12 the third year ; and £16 the fourth year. And we also pledge the station to receive an approved list minister at the end of his probation if he be received into the said list, and the Conference see fit to appoint one hereto.

The Pledge of the Minister.

To the Conference.

406. DEAR BRETHREN,—Having been taken out to labour as a minister, I hereby solemnly promise that I will promote peace, soul-saving, and the general good of the Church, as well as of the station with which I may be immediately connected ; that I will study and practise its rules, and faithfully discharge the ministerial duties enjoined therein, or which shall be enjoined upon me by those meetings or persons to whom I may be amenable ; and if I fail before the completion of my probation to fulfil these engagements, or be officially desired to withdraw from the ministry, I hereby promise that I will withdraw without speaking evil of any persons in the Church, or sowing discord, or exciting towards myself any sympathy, or countenancing in behalf of myself any petitions ; and I will, at my own expense, either return peaceably to the station that recommended me, or to some other place where I may choose to reside ; and that I will there and elsewhere observe the peaceful conduct that I have herein promised to practise.

Witness my hand this day of September, in
the year of our Lord, 19

407. When the candidate is a married man, or a widower with children, the following words must be appended before he subscribes his name :—“ And I hereby further promise that I will accept, as the sole quarterly salary for myself and family the sum fixed by Rule 428, without expecting any extras for rent, or any other thing, during the whole time of my probation ; and if any station to which I may be sent cannot raise

this amount without being involved in debt, I promise that I will accept for my quarterly salary the amount which it can raise ; and that I will not, directly or indirectly, solicit from the people among whom I may have to labour any other help than the sum aforesaid."

408. When the foregoing pledges have been approved by the General Committee and Conference, the probation shall date from the Conference that made the appointment.

409. Stations taking candidates into the ministry from the Reserve List after July the 18th may pledge them at the following March Quarterly Meeting. See pledge forms on station reports. (On pledging Home Missionaries see Rule 683.)

DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENT MINISTERS.

410. Each superintendent minister has to perform the following duties :—

a. On entering a station, he must examine its accounts, and endeavour to ascertain its spiritual, numerical, and financial condition ; and also acquaint himself with its official members.

b. As early as possible he must ascertain the financial state of all its chapels, rented rooms, and school-rooms, what deeds are placed in his care, the names of the trustees, and how the trust estates are managed ; also the state of the congregations on his station, and the kind and number of the religious services held at each place.

c. He must be the corresponding secretary of his station ; but in special business a quarterly meeting or station committee may appoint another person if it be deemed necessary.

d. He must see that the station reports are prepared according to rule for the District Meeting ; for though it is the duty of his colleagues and the laymen to assist him, yet errors or omissions will specially affect him as the superintendent. Should the said brethren refuse to assist him, he may complain to the Committee or Quarterly Meeting of his station, or to his District Committee if needful.

e. He must see that each of his colleagues performs the duties assigned him.

f. He must, annually, prepare a correct list of the names and addresses of the trustees of all the chapels, which he shall enter in a book, and leave for his successor.

DUTIES OF EACH MINISTER.

411. He must not traffic, either on his own account or by commission ; and if convicted of having violated this rule he shall forfeit to the Connexional Fund one-fourth of his salary for every quarter of a year in which such violation shall have taken place. This rule, however, does not affect the selling of literature according to the regulations of the Publishing House.

412. He must not sanction the taking of collections, nor must he receive collections, which would be a violation of rule. (See Rules 224, 227 c.)

413. He must go to the station to which he has been appointed by the Conference ; otherwise he will cease to be a minister of our Church.

414. He must zealously and prudently promote the interests of all the Sunday schools on his station, and must encourage the establishment of new ones where prudent. (See Rule 520.)

415. He must, unless he has been in the ministry more than ten years, carefully read all the rules once in six months.

416. Each minister, when taking the number of members in the roll-books, must carefully observe all the rules relative to enrolling members ; and for the June Quarterly Meeting he must copy the names as they were reported in March, making the necessary corrections in the column prepared for the purpose ; and when he has properly observed these rules, and caused all the books to be duly signed, he shall be free from further responsibility to the station whence he removes, and must not be written to thereon after his removal.

a. But if he violate any of these rules, he must be held responsible for the consequences, and a complaint may be sent against him to his District Committee, and this Committee must inform the General

Committee whether any deductions must be made at his District Meeting from the number of members which he had allowed to be reported to his preceding June Quarterly meeting.

417. He must transcribe into a suitable book a copy of the quarterly accounts of his station, and keep the book for reference when needed by himself or an official meeting.

418. On removing from his station, he must leave with the steward, or some duly-appointed person, full and clear accounts, schedules, roll-books, and a list of homes for his successor.

419. The ministers must, as far as practicable, renew the tickets to each class, call over the names of the members, and enter their quarterly contributions. The stations shall make such arrangements as will enable the ministers to comply with this rule. (See Rules 576, 580.)

420. The colleagues of each superintendent minister must render him all reasonable assistance in enforcing the rules, supporting our institutions, and promoting the welfare of the station; but when they deem the directions of the superintendent minister unreasonable, they may request him to alter them; and if he refuse, they may appeal to the Committee, or to the Quarterly Meeting of the station.

421. Each minister must, in all his official transactions, see that proper documents be drawn up, dated, and signed; or he must bear the consequences that may arise from the omission.

a. All his applications to official meetings must be in writing, and accompanied with all the documents necessary to a thorough understanding of the business to which they relate.

Miscellaneous Regulations.

422. If a minister marry while on probation, he shall cease to be a minister in our Church.

423. Ministers who have been received on the approved list, whether they have given notice to marry or not, shall be entitled to the same salary and allowances as married ministers.

424. When the inefficiency of a minister renders it impracticable for the Conference to find him a station, he shall be at liberty, with the aid of ten pounds from the Connexional Fund, to open a new mission ; or, if he have a family and be in needy circumstances, and choose to locate at once, a donation of ten pounds shall be allowed him out of this fund.

Family Visiting.

425. A superintendent minister must visit weekly at least thirty families, and a non-superintendent forty families. Otherwise they must not be regarded as general family visitors ; nor must these numbers suffice when they can visit more without setting other important ministerial duties aside.

426. A family visit comprehends prayer and the giving of religious instruction when practicable. The Conference urges on all the ministers the vast importance of attending to this duty.

Removals.

427. The time for a minister to remove from his station is July 6th, and he must arrive in his future station in time to begin his work on the 18th.

Ministers' Salaries.

428. Stations shall pay, as the minimum salary, to ministers on the approved list, £25 per quarter, and to probationers £15 per quarter during the first two years, and £16 per quarter during the rest of probation. (See Rule 423.)

429. In addition to his salary, each married minister shall be allowed two shillings per week for each of his children under eighteen years of age born during his ministry. This shall be paid either by his station or by the Equalisation Fund of his District. A minister on the approved list shall have the use of a furnished house, or furnished rooms.

430. If a station refuse to pay the salary to which a minister deems himself entitled according to rule, he may lay all the facts of the case before his District Committee for adjudication.

431. An unmarried minister must not reside in a house of which the Committee or the Quarterly Meeting of his station disapproves.

Superannuated Ministers.

432. Applications for superannuation shall be sent through the March Quarterly Meetings to the District Committees of the Districts in which the applicants are labouring. The District Committees shall examine the cases, and shall have power (if they think such a course necessary) to require the applicants to undergo a medical examination by such medical men as they may appoint ; and they shall report each case with their opinion thereon to the District Meetings and Conference. A non-successful applicant for superannuation shall pay the expenses of his medical examination ; the Connexional Fund shall pay those of an applicant who shall be superannuated. Duplicate forms of application must be used, and one copy sent to the forenamed courts, and the other to the courts of the Itinerant Preachers' Friendly Society.

433. Each superannuated minister must, as far as practicable, attend the means of grace, support the ministry, maintain discipline, and set an example worthy of imitation.

434. He may be employed by a station in ministerial or pastoral services, as his health may permit, for which he should be remunerated by the station that employs him.

435. He shall not be allowed to enter into any business without the consent of Conference or the General Committee. If he do this without such consent, it shall be with the Conference to say whether he shall receive any allowance from the Superannuated Ministers, Widows', and Orphans' Fund. It shall be certified every year whether he is following any occupation, and if so, what.

436. An historical account form, adapted to superannuated ministers, shall be printed on the station report form, and filled up by the March Quarterly Meeting of every station in which a superannuated minister resides.

Superannuated Ministers Resuming Labour.

437. When a properly qualified medical man, and the Quarterly Meeting of the station in which a superannuated minister resides, certify that he is capable of resuming labour, he shall be at liberty to accept an invitation to a station in accordance with rule, and, if not invited, his name shall be placed on the list of unstationed ministers. He shall then be treated, in all respects, as if he were a minister in regular work, and no station with pledge unredeemed shall be allowed to call out an additional minister (except in extreme cases, to be judged of by the Conference) till all superannuated ministers reported capable of resuming work are stationed.

Local Preachers.

438. Local preachers are members of our churches who possess suitable gifts and graces for such service, and who, while following secular employments, are properly authorised to conduct public worship and preach the Gospel as time and opportunity may permit.

439. Every one who fills the office of a local preacher or an exhorter must adorn the Gospel of Christ in his life and conversation, be generally accepted in his official labours, meet in class, and pay his contributions according to rule. He must uphold church discipline, and have his name printed on the preachers' plan of his station, or be duly authorised by the Committee or Quarterly Meeting thereof to officiate as a public speaker. If he lack any of these qualifications or neglect his appointments, the Quarterly Meeting shall admonish, suspend, or remove him from his office as the case may in its judgment require.

440. Any person who has been separated from the Church after having filled the office of local preacher or exhorter shall, before being allowed to resume such office, undergo an examination as to his doctrinal views, so as to satisfy the meeting that he believes the doctrines taught by our Church.

441. No person must be admitted on the plan as exhorter till he has been examined by the circuit as to his religious experience, devotional habits, and knowledge of the Scriptures, and has also filled up the printed form issued by the Publishing House, which requires answers to the following questions :—

- a. How long have you been converted ?
- b. What means have you used to cultivate your religious life ?
- c. What books have you read since your conversion ?
- d. How long have you been a member of the Primitive Methodist Church ?

e. Have you read the Rules of our Church ? . If so, what are your views of our form of church government ?

f. To what extent have you met in class, and what is your opinion of the class-meeting as a means of grace ? Do you attend and take part in the Sunday evening prayer-meeting ?

g. If you knew a person to be under conviction of sin, what steps would you take to lead him to Christ ?

h. Give your views on the doctrines stated on page 1, General Rules, and supply Scripture references.

442. After a candidate for the plan has passed the foregoing examination satisfactorily and been admitted as an exhorter, he shall have a period of probation before being received on full plan. This term of probation shall be not less than one year, but it is strongly recommended, in the interest of efficiency, that the period shall be extended, wherever practicable, to one year and a half or two years. During this period the candidate shall undergo regular examinations in Theology, Homiletics, Biblical Introduction, Connexional Polity, Christian Evidences, and English Grammar, the text-books being those appointed for these subjects in the Primary Course of the Local Preachers' Correspondence Classes (particulars of which appear monthly in "The Teacher and Preacher") and approved by Conference.

a. The text-books approved by Conference are :—Theology : Townsend's "Handbook of Christian Doctrine." Homiletics : Clapperton's "Manual for Local Preachers." Biblical Introduction : Robertson's "Old Testament and its Contents." Currie Martin's "Books of the New Testament." Connexional Polity : Kendall's "Primitive Methodist Church Principles, History, and Polity." Christian Evidences : Stewart's "Handbook of Christian Evidences." English Grammar : Meiklejohn's "Short English Grammar."

443. Circuits are strongly recommended to arrange for all candidates for the plan to sit, as regards the whole or a part at least of their subjects, for the yearly examination conducted by the Central Training Committee and held in District Centres in the last week in April. Circuit Examining Committees, in all subjects thus taken, shall, if the results are satisfactory to them,

accept the examination by the Central Training Committee in lieu of examination by themselves. They shall also urge local preachers, after they have been received on full plan, to continue their studies under the guidance of the Central Training Committee by taking the remaining subjects in its Primary Course of study and going forward also to its Advanced Course.

444. Those probationers who have passed their probation satisfactorily shall be publicly recognised and received into the list of full local preachers, when they shall give their experience, and be suitably addressed by some person appointed by the Quarterly Meeting for that purpose.

445. Wherever practicable, Local Preachers' Associations and station libraries shall be formed. Ministers shall be ex-officio members of these Associations.

446. In order to provide funds for station and District libraries for local preachers the following regulations shall be adopted :—

a. A small fee shall be obtained from those who use the library.

b. Voluntary contributions of books or cash may be received.

c. After a library has been formed and worked satisfactorily for twelve months, applications may be made to the Conference for a grant. The applications must state what books are in the library, how many local preachers have had books out during the previous year. A statement of income and expenditure for the previous year must also be sent.

THE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT OF LOCAL PREACHERS.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

447. The Conference shall appoint annually a Committee of fifteen persons (including the Treasurer and Secretary or Secretaries), of whom seven shall be Ministers and eight Laymen. This Committee shall meet twice a year at suitable times and places. It shall arrange for the subjects, text-books, and tutors for the Local Preachers' Correspondence Classes which shall be conducted through the medium of one of the monthly

magazines, and it shall take a general oversight of the training of local preachers. A list of the subjects and text-books shall be published each year in the Conference Minutes. The Committee shall furnish all necessary information and advice to the District Training Committees, and it shall receive from them periodically a report as to the progress of the training movement within their respective Districts, such reports to deal with the number of students following the Courses, Local Preachers' Conferences held, Lectures given, Associations or Study Circles formed, the financial support accorded to the movement within the District, and any other matter germane to the work of the District Training Committees. It shall make general arrangements for the examination of those members of the Correspondence Classes who are reported as intending examinees by the District Training Committees. A report of this examination shall be forwarded to Conference, and certificates (signed by the President and the Secretary of Conference) and prizes of suitable value, shall be awarded to such examinees as are judged to be entitled to them.

448. A fund to meet necessary working expenses shall be created by donations to the Central Committee from individuals, by grants from Station Quarterly Meetings, and in other ways. Of the grants from Station Quarterly Meetings, three-fourths shall be forwarded to the treasurer of the Central Committee by the treasurer of each District Training Committee, who shall be at liberty to retain for District expenses the remaining one-fourth, together with donations obtained from individuals for such expenses, and collections taken at public meetings and conferences held to promote the movement within the District.

DISTRICT TRAINING COMMITTEE.

449. Each District shall appoint a Local Preachers' Training Committee, to consist of not fewer than twelve

persons, ministers and laymen in equal numbers, one of whom shall be treasurer and another secretary, the latter to be, when practicable, a layman. This Committee shall meet as frequently as is found practicable. It shall supervise the work of the Correspondence Classes within its area, seeking to enlist students, and appointing sub-tutors to direct their studies. It shall also make such local arrangements as are necessary for students who elect to present themselves for the examination conducted by the Central Committee, and shall provide for the distribution, in a suitable way, of the prizes and certificates which such examinees may gain. This Committee shall also have the power to further the better equipment of local preachers by forming District Associations and rendering all possible aid to their work, by encouraging the formation of Study Circles and of District and station lending libraries, the circulation of the books being provided for in the most economical and effective way, by holding Conferences of local preachers, and by arranging for lectures on Theology, Biblical Study, Homiletics, Church History, etc., by competent lecturers.

450. The District Training Committee secretary shall report periodically as to the work done to the Central Committee, and shall also forward a yearly report to the District Meeting.

451. The Committee shall have power to send a delegate to District Meeting, and shall appoint a vice-delegate in case the principal cannot attend. His expenses shall be paid from the fund in the hands of the treasurer of the District Training Committee.

STATION TRAINING COMMITTEE.

452. Station Quarterly Meetings shall appoint a special Committee for the training of local preachers, consisting of the ministers, and not fewer than seven other officials (where there are more than that number on the station), who shall take earnest and diligent

oversight of the training and studies of local preachers on the station. This Committee shall provide for the filling up of the testimonial forms of candidates for the local preachers' plan, for the examination of those candidates recommended by the leaders' meeting, and shall recommend those to the Quarterly Meeting whom it deems eligible to be placed on the Plan in harmony with Rules 441-444. It shall arrange for the examination of preachers on trial, the preaching of trial sermons, etc., and provide for the public reception of those finishing their term "on trial" as per Rule 212.

453. By sanction of the Quarterly Meeting this Committee shall arrange for the formation of Study Circles or of a station Association or library. Where it shall be found more convenient for two or more contiguous stations to join together for these purposes, such station Training Committee shall jointly make the needful arrangements. Each station Training Committee shall, through its secretary, send a report half-yearly of the work done to the District Training Committee secretary. The secretary shall receive and forward to the District treasurer all moneys contributed in the station for the central fund.

Hired Local Preachers.

454. No hired local preacher must be employed without the consent of the General Committee, except to supply the work of a sick minister who is on the Connexional Fund.

a. Every application by a station to employ a hired local preacher must contain the following particulars respecting the person proposed to be engaged:—his name, age, employment, to what station he belongs, and how long he has been a local preacher.

Sunday Schools.

GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

455. The General Committee shall be composed of two representatives from each Home District on the following basis :—Districts with 8,000 scholars and upwards, two representatives, a minister and a layman ; Districts with fewer than 8,000 scholars, one representative, except the Missions District, which shall have two representatives, a minister and a layman ; together with the President of Conference, the Editor, the Book Steward, the Secretaries of the General Committee and Missionary Committee, each departmental secretary acting under the control of the Sunday School Union Committee, the Treasurer, the Secretary, Vice-Secretary, past General Secretaries and Treasurers of the Sunday School Union Committee, a representative of the College Staff who shall be elected by the College Committee, together with not more than six other persons who may be nominated by the Committee or other authorities, but whose appointment shall be made annually by ballot in Conference.

456. The Committee shall be appointed annually by Conference, and shall meet twice a year, in April and October, the dates and places of meeting to appear in the annual Minutes of Conference.

Officers.

457. The officers of the Sunday School Union may be nominated by the Committee, but their appointment shall be by Conference.

Objects of the Union.

458. The Sunday School Union shall have oversight of all our Sunday Schools and all matters affecting their interests. It shall determine what Roll Books,

Registers, Lesson Lists, and other appliances shall be used ; prepare the report forms and schedules to be used for collecting statistical information ; assist in the formation of libraries, the circulation of connexional literature, and the supply, through the Publishing House, to schools of prizes and rewards, of such a kind and on such terms as are most likely to command the confidence of the schools. It may also advise District and Station Sunday School Committees on matters affecting Sunday School management.

The Executive Committee.

459. The Executive of the Sunday School Union shall be composed of members of its General Committee who are nominated by the April meeting and appointed by the Conference. It shall meet at the times and places appointed by Conference, attend to such business as may be referred to it by the principal Committee, and to other matters of urgency between the half-yearly meetings and report its proceedings. Immediately after each Conference the Executive shall meet to arrange the visits of the General Secretary, of which the several Districts shall be informed.

Sunday School Union Fund and General Treasurer.

460. The fund of the Sunday School Union is supported by bequests, private subscriptions, and an annual contribution from each Sunday School of at least one shilling per fifty scholars, or fractional part of fifty. The General Treasurer may be nominated by the Committee, but his appointment is made from year to year by the Conference.

461. The objects of the fund are : to pay the salary and allowances of the secretary ; provide all necessary appliances for carrying on its work ; allow at the rate of fourpence halfpenny per hundred scholars to District Unions for carrying on their work ; make grants through

the Publishing House of requisites to new schools, and of books to start or replenish libraries, on such terms as the fund at the time may warrant; and to defray such other costs as may be involved in working the Union. (See Rule 478.)

General Secretary.

462. The General Sunday School Union Secretary shall be appointed by Conference, but he is removable from office by any Conference. He must not continue in the office for a longer period than five years. (See Rules 872, 875.)

463. The duties of the secretary are : to attend the Committees, record the Minutes and keep the books of the Union ; visit the Sunday Schools as far as possible ; meet District and Station Committees for consultation ; encourage the formation of Training Classes for teachers ; suggest the best methods of teaching ; and such other work as the Committee may direct.

464. The residence of the General Secretary shall be in Leeds, and stations accepting his services shall pay their proportion of his travelling expenses only.

The Year Book.

465. A Year Book, with such statistical and other useful information as may be approved by the April Meeting, shall be presented to Conference for its adoption, together with a balance-sheet of the Union funds. The Year Book shall be published and supplied to the schools through the Publishing House as per orders on the station schedules. (See Rule 473.)

Competitive Examinations.

466. The Sunday School Union Committee shall arrange annually for competitive examinations of teachers and scholars, and award prizes and certificates

as the funds may allow. It selects the subjects of examination, prepares the questions, awards the marks in the competition for Connexional prizes, and gives suitable directions to District Sunday School Committees in regard to District Examinations.

Legislation.

467. The Sunday School Union Committee may prepare legislation and send it to the Conference through the General Committee. (See Rule 62.)

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

468. The Committee of the District Sunday School Union shall be composed of persons chosen because of their interest in Sunday School work, one half of whom, at least, are actively engaged in it. Each Station School Committee may nominate two members, and the District Meeting may add to the nominees not more than half the number nominated by the Station Committees but the appointment is by the Conference. Care shall be taken to have persons who can meet conveniently and without expense. The Committee shall meet at least once a quarter ; oftener when deemed necessary. (See Rules 126, 482.)

469. The duties of the District Sunday School Committee are : to assist the Sunday School Union, and the Station Sunday School Committees, in the more efficient working of the schools ; to co-operate with the General Sunday School Committee in the promotion and formation of teacher training classes ; to select and issue a list of ministers, trained teachers, and others within their area who are qualified and willing to undertake the work of teacher training, or of rendering occasional service ; to receive an annual report of each training class or centre in the district ; arrange for aggregate meetings of teachers in the District and Stations, and for the General Secretary, the District Secretary, or

other deputations to attend them ; receive the schedules from the stations, deal with them according to Rule, and report thereon to the District Meeting and Conference. (See Rule 483.)

470. The District Sunday School Committee shall receive the station schedules from the March Quarterly Meetings, tabulate the statistics, compare them with those of the previous year, and forward its findings to the District Meeting by its delegate ; and the meeting shall inform the stations concerned when the reports are not satisfactory.

471. Each District Sunday School Committee may elect a delegate to the District Meeting, and a vice-delegate in case the principal cannot attend.

472. The District Sunday School Committee may send legislation to the Conference through its District Meeting. (See Rule 62.)

District Sunday School Committee Secretary.

473. The District Sunday School Committee Secretary may be nominated by the District Meeting, but his appointment shall be with the Conference. He shall record the decisions of the Committee, conduct the correspondence, forward to the General Secretary as per official instruction all schedules, reports, statistics, and other information concerning the District which may be required, and shall have charge of all affairs connected with the schools within his jurisdiction. (See Rules 465, 483.)

District Purposes Funds.

474. A fund may be formed in each District, to be called "The District Purposes Fund," which shall be under the control of the District Sunday School Committee, and be used for the development of Sunday School work. Each school shall contribute at the rate

of sixpence for every hundred scholars or fraction of a hundred.

475. The District expenses of scholars' examinations, and third-class railway fare to deputations attending Sunday School Conferences, shall be paid out of this fund.

476. A treasurer shall be appointed, to whom these subscriptions shall be sent not later than March 1st of each year.

District Treasurer.

477. The District Sunday School treasurer and the treasurer of "the District Purposes Fund" (where that fund is established), may be nominated by the District Meeting, but the appointment is by Conference. He shall receive the allowance from the General Fund, contributions for the District Purposes Fund, and other income, pay all accounts, and keep the books as directed by the Committee. (See Rule 461.)

Allowance from Sunday School Union to District Fund.

478. Each District Sunday School Committee shall receive from the General Fund an allowance of fourpence halfpenny for every 100 scholars in the District, to be spent in the way the Committee shall deem most likely to promote the interests of the schools; and it shall send a statement of its income and expenditure to the General Sunday School Union Committee not later than March 21st of each year. (See Rule 461.)

STATION SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

479. The Station Sunday School Committee shall consist of the minister or ministers and teachers of the station, together with two representatives from each Christian Endeavour Society, and each Band of Hope in the station. But no teacher or representative shall

be eligible for membership on the station Sunday School Committee who is not a member of our Church, and over eighteen years of age. The Quarterly Meeting shall have power to appoint three of its own members to represent it on the station Sunday School Committee, and their term of office, and the term of office of the representatives of Christian Endeavour Societies and Bands of Hope shall be for one year, unless there are special reasons for a change in the interval.

480. The meetings of the station Sunday School Committee shall be held quarterly, and its decisions submitted to the station Quarterly Meeting for confirmation or otherwise.

481. When the schools of a station lie wide apart and the Committee cannot conveniently meet, the Quarterly Meeting may make any arrangements it may deem prudent for the duties to be attended to.

482. The station Sunday School Committee shall choose two of its members as representatives to the station Quarterly Meeting, arrange for meetings of the station Sunday School Union, consider the best means for securing efficiency in the schools, see that the rules are duly observed, take steps to establish schools in new or neglected localities, encourage the use of such appliances as are issued by the Publishing House under the authority of the Sunday School Union, arrange for teachers and scholars' examinations, at one or more centres as may be most convenient, and carry out such directions as may be issued from time to time by the General and District Sunday School Committee. It shall also nominate two persons to serve on the District Sunday School Committee. (See Rules 214, 468.)

483. In March each year the Committee shall receive the reports of the several schools, fill up the station schedule, and send it to the station Quarterly Meeting, to be approved and signed. Three copies of

this schedule shall be filled up ; one to be retained in the station, the other two to be sent to the District secretary within seven days of the Quarterly Meeting. The District secretary shall retain one, and forward the other to the General Sunday School Secretary. (See Rule 473.)

The Station Sunday School Secretary.

484. The secretary of the station Sunday School Committee may be nominated by the Committee, but his appointment is with the station Quarterly Meeting. He shall devote himself as much as possible to visiting the schools and promoting their efficiency.

485. The secretary shall attend all meetings of the Committee, prepare an agenda of the business for each meeting, and keep an account of its proceedings.

486. All correspondence between the Committee and the General Sunday School Union Committee shall be countersigned by the superintendent minister.

487. A station treasurer shall be appointed, who may also be the treasurer of the station Sunday School Union.

STATION SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

488. The objects of the station Sunday School Union are : to bring together the officers and teachers of the several schools on the station to confer with each other on the best methods of teaching and management, the best appliances for the work, and the most approved means of securing the conversion of the scholars and their attachment to our Church.

Work of Station Unions.

489. The Committee and officers of the station Sunday School Committee shall be the Committee and officers of the station Union.

490. The Committee shall appoint visitors and arrange for a systematic visitation of the schools, reports of which shall be made on forms obtained at the Publishing House and provided for the purpose. These shall be forwarded by the visitors to the secretary first for presentation to the Committee, and afterwards to the meetings of the Union.

Station Union Secretary.

491. The secretary of the station Sunday School Union Committee shall attend all the meetings of the Committee and the Union, prepare an agenda for the Committee and programmes for the Quarterly Conference, keep an account of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and take charge of all incidental business.

Station Union Treasurer.

492. A treasurer shall be appointed, whose duties shall be to receive private subscriptions, the collections made at Conference or levies made upon the schools, and to pay all expenses under the direction of the Committee.

Station Union Finances.

493. The expenses of the station Sunday School Union shall be met by public collections, private subscriptions, or by each school contributing its quota as the Committee may determine, subject to the approval of the station Quarterly Meeting.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Teachers' Yearly Meeting.

494. The Teachers' Yearly Meeting is held by appointment of the station Quarterly Meeting, not later than February of each year. It is composed of the minister or ministers of the station, the Sunday School

superintendent, or superintendents, the treasurer, the secretary, and all approved teachers.

Agenda of Business.

495. The principal duties of the Yearly Meeting are comprised in the following agenda :—

1. Appoint a chairman and secretary.
2. Receive the statistical report of the school showing the increase or decrease for the year. If there has been a decrease of teachers or scholars, the cause or causes must be stated. If there has been a decrease in the number of teachers who are members, or scholar members, the cause must be given.
3. Inquire what can be done to improve the state of the school.
4. Receive the treasurer's accounts, subject to audit.
5. Fill up the report form, authorise the chairman and secretary to sign and forward it to the superintendent minister for the Quarterly Meeting.
6. Nominate the general officers for the ensuing year : (a) A superintendent ; (b) vice-superintendent (or co-superintendent, where the school is large) ; (c) secretary ; (d) assistant secretary ; (e) treasurer. (See Rule 502.)
7. Receive the minutes of the School Committee or the teachers' meeting when requisite.
8. Nominate, when necessary, (a) attendance secretary or secretaries ; (b) librarian ; (c) literature secretary to take orders for Connexional magazines and supply them ; (d) juvenile missionary secretary ; (e) Bible Reading and Prayer Union secretary ; (f) absentee visitors ; (g) school organist ; (h) such other officers, or sub-officers, as may be necessary.
9. Nominate the Committee of Management.

10. Receive the report of the Boys' or Girls' Life Brigade, together with the financial statement. Appoint the Boys' and Girls' Life Brigade Committees. (See Rule 533.)

11. Receive and consider the nominations of the Band of Hope Committee and the officers of the society, viz., (a) president; (b) secretary; (c) treasurer; (d) representative of the Band of Hope who must be a member of the Church and over 21 years of age. (See Rules 599, 600.)

12. Nominate the representative or representatives to the station Quarterly Meeting; also the representative to the Leaders' Meeting. Sunday Schools shall be represented in the station Quarterly Meeting as follows: A school numbering fewer than 200 scholars, by the senior superintendent or other official or teacher; one numbering 200, by the senior superintendent and one other officer or teacher; one with 300, or any number beyond 300, by the senior superintendent and two other officers or teachers; but in case the senior superintendent cannot attend or is a member by virtue of some other office he holds, his place shall be filled in all these cases by some other officer or teacher, who is a member of society. (See Rule 214.)

13. Fix the times of the monthly teachers' meeting.

14. Appoint the monthly teachers' prayer meeting and arrange for conducting it.

15. Direct the secretary to supply a list of Committees, officers, and representatives nominated by the Yearly Meeting to the superintendent minister for the station Quarterly Meeting for confirmation.

Sunday School Committee.

496. The general management of each school is entrusted to a School Committee, composed of the minister or ministers, the superintendent or superintendents, the treasurer, the secretary, and such other persons as the

Yearly Meeting may nominate and the station Quarterly Meeting approve. Its meetings shall be held monthly, and five members form a quorum, except in small schools where it is difficult to obtain that number. (See Rule 498.)

497. The duties of the Committee are : to receive and examine, and when satisfactory, confirm the minutes of the monthly meeting ; consider any proposal from the teachers' meeting for the appointment, dismissal, or removal of a teacher ; authorise the payment of accounts that may be due ; consider the general state of the school, and make all necessary arrangements for its working.

498. No person can be a member of the Sunday School Committee who is not a member of the Church.

The Teachers' Meeting.

499. The Teachers' Meeting shall be held monthly and is composed of the minister or ministers, the officers of the Sunday School, and all duly appointed teachers. Its duties are : to examine the teachers' register, noting all cases of irregular or unpunctual attendance ; remove from the roll-book the names of teachers who have removed, resigned, or who, for any other reason, have ceased to be teachers ; examine the scholars' register, and arrange for the visitation of the sick or absentees ; receive the reports of the visitors for the past month ; nominate new teachers, and consider nominations made at the last meeting ; and transact such other business as may be regularly introduced, but no business must be entertained that belongs to another court.

500. Teachers' Meetings must not be held without the presence of a minister, except in special cases to be provided for by the superintendent minister or the Quarterly Meeting of the station.

501. A revision of the registers shall take place once a quarter, but no name shall be erased for non-atten-

dance, or other cause, excepting removal, until the scholar has been visited and a report presented to the Teachers' Meeting.

Sunday School Officers.

502. Sunday School officers must be members of our Church and have been nominated by the Yearly Teachers' Meeting and appointed by the station Quarterly Meeting. They hold office from the March Quarterly Meeting until the March Quarterly Meeting following ; or from the beginning to the end of the year, where Yearly Meetings are held before the December Quarterly Meeting.

503. Where special reasons exist for the removal of officers before the expiry of the usual term the Quarterly Meeting shall determine what changes shall take place.

504. Any officer may be removed from his office for impropriety in his personal or official conduct by the station Quarterly Meeting or the station Committee.

The Superintendent.

505. The duties of the superintendent are to conduct the services of the school, attend to the admission of scholars and their removal from one class to another ; arrange the classes and teachers who shall take charge of them ; maintain order in the school, and attend to its internal management, subject to the direction of the Teachers' Meeting and Committee.

The Secretary.

506. The secretary must convene and attend all Committee and Teachers' Meetings, enter all resolutions passed at the meetings in the minute-book, take charge of the registers, records, roll-books, class registers, and other documents except as may be otherwise provided for ; keep a check account against the treasurer and prepare all statistical returns and reports of the school.

The Treasurer.

507. The treasurer shall receive all moneys obtained by public collections and donations, and pay all accounts as he may be directed by the Teachers' Meeting or the Sunday School Committee. His accounts must be duly audited up to the 31st December of each year, and submitted for approval to the Yearly Meeting. (See Rule 810 b.)

Sunday School Teachers.

508. Any person who is considered suitable for a Sunday School teacher, and is willing to become such, and to observe the rules of the school, may be nominated by any officer or teacher at a monthly teachers' meeting, but the appointment shall not be made until the Teachers' Meeting next after that at which the nomination was made. Exception must be made to this order in the case of a teacher credentialled from another station or school.

509. No person must become an officer or teacher who is deemed to be unfit in respect of his general character or religious opinions, and his name may be removed from the teachers' roll by a Teachers' Meeting when he is irregular in his attendance or found to be unfitted for the work.

510. Teachers should be members of our Church, but when exceptional circumstances make it desirable to employ others care must be exercised to select only those who are of good moral character, regular and punctual in their attendance at public worship, attached to the doctrines and discipline of our Church, and who will do all in their power, by instruction and example, to promote the salvation of their scholars.

511. Teachers are expected to visit their scholars at their homes at least once a quarter, especially those who are sick or who from other causes have been absent from school.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING.

A system of teacher training shall be instituted on the following basis :—

512. *I.—The Training of Future Teachers.*

a. In order to secure a supply of qualified teachers for the future requirements of our Sunday Schools, it is necessary that young persons should be selected and trained before they undertake the responsibilities of a Sunday School class.

b. The teachers' meeting shall during each quarter consider the question whether there are young people in the senior school or Church who possess such gifts as will justify their being desired to become candidates for the teachers' roll ; should there be such, then they shall be seen by the minister and the superintendent, or other officer of the school, and the candidates shall be requested to prepare themselves for the work.

c. Whenever possible, even though the candidates be few, a teachers' training class shall be commenced, and shall be held, preferably on a Sunday, during one of the school sessions. It is recommended that the Sunday morning session be used wherever possible.

d. Where contiguous schools are not strong enough separately to support such a class, they shall be at liberty to group their candidates for the purpose of training.

e. In order to make the training as efficient as possible, a suitable and competent teacher shall be secured, if possible with public school experience.

f. The training shall consist of a continuous course of preparation of two years' duration.

g. During the period of training a halfy-early report of the attendance and progress of each candidate shall be submitted by the teacher in charge to the teachers' meeting.

h. A written examination shall be held annually on the work of the year, and certificates issued for each year's completed study; honours certificates shall be awarded for special excellence. The examination shall be promoted and carried out under the authority of the Sunday School Union.

i. The subjects for each year's course shall be of an elementary nature, and shall include the Scriptures, child study, and methods of teaching; the text-books shall be decided by the Sunday School Union Committee.

j. The Sunday School to which a candidate or candidates belong shall provide a set of text-books for each candidate.

k. The work of the training class shall be so arranged as to admit of the candidate being present once a month in the observance of a teaching lesson and in the practice of teaching. The candidate's observation and practice in the art of teaching shall form part of the examination.

l. Where schools are small, or where training classes are impracticable, the Sunday School Union shall institute a system of teacher training by correspondence.

m. Where primary departments exist, and candidates are already engaged therein, this shall be regarded as their training in the practical work of teaching. Such candidates shall then only be required to follow the course of training as prescribed in the text-books before entering upon the work in other departments.

513. *II.—The Training of Present Teachers.*

a. Where the training classes for future teachers are held at convenient times, it is recommended that those already engaged in teaching shall be desired to enter on the two years' course of study.

b. Teachers who are unable to attend the training class shall be desired to take up the course of study privately, or to enter the correspondence training section.

c. Schools shall be strongly urged to provide a teachers' library, consisting of books pertaining to the Bible, Sunday School organisation, child nature, principles of teaching, methods of work, etc., and to keep this library supplied with the most suitable literature published.

514. *III.—Advanced Teacher Training.*

(For those engaged in teaching.)

a. The Sunday School teachers' examination, as at present organised, shall become an integral part of a teacher-training scheme.

b. The examination to be graded into a primary and secondary course. It shall be optional with the teacher which course is taken.

c. The studies shall extend over a period of three years both in the primary and the secondary course, and there shall be a yearly examination.

d. The subjects for the examination, both for the primary and the secondary course, shall be the Scriptures, child study, and the principles of teaching. The textbooks shall be graded to meet the needs of each course, and the selection shall be determined by the Sunday School Union Committee.

e. There shall be but one subject in each grade for any one year, and teachers shall be eligible to enter for the whole course at any time ; the subject for the year shall be the first to be taken, and so on until the three years have been completed, at the expiration of which, if successful, the final certificate be issued.

f. Certificates shall be provided for each year in each course ; certificates in each course shall be graded into a " pass " and " honours ; " to obtain a " pass " certificate 50 per cent. of marks must be obtained, and for " honours " 75 per cent.

g. A diploma shall be provided for the final or third year's course in each grade.

h. There shall be an entrance fee each year of sixpence for each candidate, the schools to which the teachers belong to be responsible for this amount.

i. A Roll of Honour shall be obtained, and a copy given to each school, on which the names of those teachers shall be placed who have completed the course.

j. The dates of the examination shall be determined by the General Sunday School Union Committee.

Sunday School Requisites.

515. The following requisites are provided by the Sunday School Union and issued through the Publishing House on special terms to schools :—The Sunday School Admission Book, Roll Book, Teachers' Attendance Register, School Record, Secretary's Minute Book, Treasurer's Account Book, Class Registers, Star Marking Registers (with necessary apparatus), Library Register, Library Cards, Credential Book, Visitors' Report Form, Attendance Tickets, Lesson Pictures, Lesson Lists, and every appliance for carrying on Sunday School work.

516. All School Requisites, Rewards, Prizes, Hymnals and books for Libraries must be obtained from our own Publishing House.

General Rules.

517. Each Sunday School is formed with the sanction, and is under the control of, the station Sunday School Committee and the station Quarterly Meeting.

518. The Sunday School is supported by public collections and subscriptions as appointed by the Quarterly Meeting. All the money thus raised must be used for the purposes of the school, except when permission of the Quarterly Meeting has been given to use it otherwise.

519. Each Sunday School must pay rent, or in some way render financial aid to the trust fund for the church or other building in which the school is conducted ; and, when the funds will allow, grants may be made to the station or Connexional Funds.

520. Every three months at least one ministerial visit shall be made to each school, notice of which shall be printed on the station plan.

521. Where a branch of the Bible Reading and Prayer Union is not already formed steps should be taken to form one, and to enrol as many teachers and scholars in membership as possible.

522. Teachers' prayer meetings shall be held monthly, or as frequently as possible at such times as the teachers' meeting may decide.

523. The sale of books or other articles on Sundays shall be discouraged, and suitable arrangements must be made for supplying hymnals, magazines, and other literature on week days.

524. No entertainment of a questionable character or tendency, nor any theatrical or semi-theatrical exhibition shall be permitted in any of our Sunday Schools.

525. The accounts of each school must be closed on the 31st December.

526. Every Sunday School must keep such registers of scholars' and teachers' attendances as will enable the Yearly Meeting to collect the statistics for the report.

527. All minute books, account books, and other documents belonging to the school shall be open at any time to the superintendent minister, to the station Sunday School Committee, or to any person appointed by such Committee.

528. Suitable regard must be paid in all schools to primary class teaching and the special needs of this department.

529. Classes must be arranged for senior scholars, and special attention given to the selection of suitable teachers for them.

530. In the larger schools the Sunday School Union strongly recommends that the classes shall be "graded," that is, sectionalised into primary, intermediate, and senior departments; and that Adult Bible Classes be formed, or that Young People's Institutes be established, as may be deemed most convenient.

531. The International Lesson system is commended to all our schools, and the "Teacher and Preacher," as issued by the Publishing House, to all teachers in the preparation of the lessons.

532. Any school may make bye-laws for its own management with the sanction of the station Sunday School Committee, provided they do not contravene in expression or intention any of the foregoing rules.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADES.

533. The Conference expresses its approval of the organisations known as Boys' and Girls' Life Brigades, and commends the formation of such Brigades in connection with our Sunday Schools.

a. A Brigade may be commenced in connection with our Sunday Schools by an annual or other properly constituted teachers' meeting, subject to the approval of the station Quarterly Meeting.

b. When a teachers' meeting decides to commence a Brigade it shall appoint a Committee of Management.

c. Brigade committees shall be elected each year by the annual teachers' meeting.

d. The minister or ministers of the circuit shall be members of all Brigade committees in the circuit.

e. The duties of the committee shall be: To appoint the officers of the Brigade; to see that the Brigades are efficiently controlled, and that they are conducted in harmony with the constitution of the Brigade and the general purposes and work of the school and church.

f. A yearly report of each Brigade shall be rendered to the annual teachers' meeting, together with financial statement of the Brigade.

g. Membership in any Brigade shall be limited to those who engage to attend Sunday School and church services at least once each Sunday.

h. Where schools adopt the Boys' or Girls' Scouts movement, or include it in the Boys' and Girls' Life Brigades, the Conference strongly recommends that organisation known as the Peace Scouts as being more in harmony with our principles and teachings.

Christian Endeavour Society.

534. The name shall be :—"Primitive Methodist Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour."

OBJECT.

535. Its object shall be to promote an earnest Christian life among its members, to increase their mutual acquaintance, and make them more useful in the service of Christ.

536. The motto of the Society shall be :—"For Christ and the Church."

MEMBERSHIP.

537. The members shall consist of three classes—Active, Associate, and Honorary.

1. Active Members.—The Active Membership of the Society shall consist of all young persons who believe themselves to be Christians, who sincerely desire to accomplish the results above specified, and who have signed the Active Members' Pledge. Voting powers shall be vested only in the Active Members.

2. Associate Members.—All young persons of worthy character who, though not at present decided Christians, may become Associates of the Society. It is expected that all Associate Members will habitually attend the weekly prayer meetings, and that they will in time become Active Members, and the Society will work to this end, but they shall be excused from taking part in the weekly meeting.

3. Honorary Members.—All persons who are interested in the Society, and wish to have some connection with it, though they cannot regularly attend the meetings, may become honorary members. Their names shall be kept upon the list under the appropriate heading, but shall not be called at the roll-call meeting.

PLEDGE.

538. The Pledge is twofold :—(1) The Active Member's pledge, and (2) The Associate Member's pledge.

I.—Active Member's Pledge.

539. “ Relying on the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, and trusting in God for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me to do ; I will pray to Him and read the Bible every day, I will support my own Church and its services in every way within my power, and throughout my whole life I will endeavour, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to lead a Christian life. As an Active Member, I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at, and to take some part other than singing, in every meeting unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master Jesus Christ. If obliged to be absent from the monthly consecration meeting, I will, if possible, send the reason for absence to the Society.”

II.—Associate's Pledge.

540. “ Having offered myself as an Associate, I promise that I will do my best to attend the meetings regularly, to maintain the good spirit of the Society, and avoid both in conversation and action, whatever would bring discredit upon the Church of Christ.”

Age Limit.

541. No candidate for active or associate membership can be received who is under fourteen years of age, provision being made for those who are younger

in Catechumen Classes, Junior Society Classes, or in the Junior Societies of Christian Endeavour.

Management.—Local Organisation.

542. **OFFICERS.**—These are :—(1) President, who may be a minister, school superintendent, or other person known to be deeply interested in young people ; (2) Vice-Presidents ; (3) Corresponding secretary ; (4) Recording secretary ; and (5) a treasurer ; all of whom shall be members of the church, and nominated in the first instance by a teachers' or leaders' meeting ; and if the nominations be made by a teachers' meeting, they shall be submitted for approval to a leaders' meeting. After the formation of the society the nomination of officers shall be made by the societies themselves, but the appointment shall be with the leaders' meetings. In the event of leaders' meetings refusing to sanction the formation of societies, the teachers' meeting may appeal to the station Quarterly Meeting.

Duties of Officers.

543. *President.*—The duties of the president shall be to preside at all the business meetings, watch over the interests of the society, and see that the different Committees perform the duties devolving upon them.

544. *Vice-President.*—A vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in his absence.

545. *Corresponding Secretary.*—It shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary to keep the local society in communication with the central, district and station councils, and other Christian Endeavour organisations, and present to the local society such matters of interest as may come from the aforesaid councils or organisations.

546. *Recording Secretary.*—It shall be the duty of the recording secretary to keep a record of the members ; to revise it from time to time, as may be necessary ; to obtain the signature to the pledge of each

newly-elected member ; to correspond with absent members, and inform them of their standing in the society ; to keep correct minutes of all business meetings, and to notify in writing if necessary all persons elected to office or on Committees.

547. *Treasurer.*—The treasurer shall receive the moneys other than class moneys, keep the accounts, and discharge the usual duties of the office in accordance with rule.

Executive.

548. The Executive Committee is composed of the ministers, the officers, and two representatives from each Committee, and is elected annually. All matters of business requiring debate shall be brought in the first instance before this Committee, which shall report thereon to the society. All discussion of proposed measures shall take place before this Committee, and not before the society. Recommendations concerning the finances of the society shall also originate with this Committee.

Work.

549. As the society is intended primarily for Christian fellowship and work, its active members are appointed to serve in one or more of the following sections :—

a. *Weekly Prayer Meeting Committee.*—This Committee shall have in charge the prayer meeting ; shall see that a topic is assigned, and a leader appointed for every meeting, and shall do what it can to secure faithfulness to the prayer meeting pledge.

b. *Look-Out Committee.*—It shall be the duty of this Committee to bring new members into the society, to introduce them to the work and to the other members, and look after and reclaim any that seem indifferent to their duties. This Committee shall also, by personal investigation, satisfy themselves of the fitness of young

persons to become members of the society and shall propose their names at least one week before their election to membership.

c. Social Committee.—It shall be the duty of this Committee to promote the social interests of the society by welcoming strangers to the meetings, and to provide for the mutual acquaintance of the members.

d. Missionary Committee. (See Rule 658.)

e. Visiting Committee.

f. Mission Band Committee.

g. Temperance Committee.

h. Sunshine Committee.

i. Bible Reading and Prayer Union Committee.

j. Literature Committee.

550. The Executive may add to or take from this list, as may seem most likely to suit local requirements, care being taken not to interfere with existing institutions.

551. Where the duties of any Committee are not stated, they shall be defined by the Executive.

Meetings.

552. The Weekly Prayer Meeting.—The weekly meeting of the society, which the active members are pledged to attend, is for Christian fellowship, testimony, and prayer, and it shall not exceed one hour. In appointing the leader and conducting this meeting regard must be had to its efficiency and the special object in view.

553. The Monthly Consecration Meeting.—The monthly meeting is for consecration, praise, prayer, and testimony. At this service each active member may speak concerning his progress in the Christian life.

If any one chooses he can relate his experience or give his testimony by an appropriate passage of Scripture or other suitable quotation.

554. Any active member unavoidably absent shall endeavour to send a written response.

555. If any active member is absent from this monthly meeting and fails to send a reason, the Look-Out Committee is expected to take the name of such a one, and in a kind and brotherly spirit ascertain the reason for the absence.

556. Associate members may attend this meeting, and should be encouraged to do so.

557. Quarterly Business Meeting.—The meeting is composed of all the officers, members of the Executive, and active members. It admits new members, receives reports from the sectional Committees, and appoints or reappoints the Committees for the next quarter.

558. Annual Meeting.—The annual festival, which shall be held at the close of the year, is to bring the work of the society and its various branches before the Church and congregation; to recognise publicly young people received into the Church during the year; and raise the necessary funds for local expenses.

Finance.

559. Each society is left to make its own arrangements for local finances, subject to rule. To meet the general expenses an annual subscription of not less than one shilling shall be paid by each society to the Central Council. One-fourth of the amount thus contributed by each District to the Central Council shall be returned to the District C.E. Council, to be used as the latter may deem best in carrying on its work. All class moneys must be sent to the Quarterly Leaders' Meeting.

General Organisation.

560. The Central Council.—The Central Council shall be composed of the members of the General Sunday School Union Committee. (See Rule 455.)

561. District Councils.—The District Council shall be composed of the members of the District Sunday School Union Committee (see Rule 468) and may send a delegate to its District Meeting.

562. Station Councils.—The Station Council shall be composed of the Station Sunday School Union Committee. (See Rules 479, 480.)

General Secretary and Treasurer.

563. There shall be a General Secretary and Treasurer who may be nominated by the Committee but who shall be appointed by the Conference. He shall have charge of the business of the Central Council, prepare the annual report and attend to all the general work of the department. There shall also be a General Treasurer, who shall be appointed by the Conference, who shall be the Treasurer of the Sunday School Union.

Regulations.

564. The president and vice-president of a society of Christian Endeavour shall in the first instance be nominated by a teachers' or leaders' meeting. If the nominations be made by a teachers' meeting they shall be submitted for approval to a leaders' meeting, and if confirmed the president and first vice-president shall be regarded as class leaders, amenable to the same rules and enjoying the same privileges. After the formation of the society the nomination of officers and Committee shall be made by the societies themselves, but the appointment shall be with the leaders' meeting.

565. All Active Members of the Society of Christian Endeavour who attend the weekly prayer meeting, shall, when approved by the leaders' meeting, be regarded and treated in every respect as members of the Church.

566. The Associate Members of a society may, when they are willing, and the leaders' meeting is satisfied as to their desire to follow Christ, be reckoned and treated as members of the Church on trial.

567. The weekly prayer meeting of the society shall be a meeting for Bible Reading, Christian fellowship, and testimony, and shall be accepted as a class meeting; the names of the members shall be entered in a class-book, their contributions collected, and the book submitted to the leaders' meeting.

568. Members of Christian Endeavour Societies who are thereby members of the Church, and do not meet in any society class, shall contribute weekly, and at the quarterly renewal of tickets for the support of the Church, according as their means will allow. The contributions shall be collected by the president or vice-president or a person appointed for that purpose, entered in the class-book, and forwarded quarterly to the leaders' meeting.

569. Cards of membership and other requisites for carrying on the organisation shall be provided by the Central Council, and issued by the Publishing House.

Intermediate Societies.

570. These shall be formed, when needed, for those over fourteen years of age, but who are too young for the Young People's Society. The president and vice-president shall be appointed in the same way as in the Young People's Society, and shall also be members of the leaders' meeting.

Junior Membership.

571. In all cases where practicable, Catechumen Classes, Junior Society Classes, or Junior Endeavour Societies shall be established with the object of gathering young people into the Church, enrolling them as members, and developing their Christian life.

572. Classes or societies for this purpose, and the leaders of them, may be nominated by the teachers' meeting, but the appointment is with the leaders' or the station Quarterly Meeting.

573. The leaders of Catechumen Classes, and the president and first vice-president of Junior Endeavour Societies, are by virtue of their office members of the leaders' meeting and station Quarterly Meeting.

574. All members of Catechumen Classes or Junior Societies under fourteen years of age shall be reported to Conference as junior members, but no levy shall be made upon such membership for the Connexional Fund. (See Rules 3, 221.)

575. The names of all Junior Members shall be entered in a class-book specially prepared, the attendance marked, and their contributions received when they are able to pay.

576. Ministerial visits shall be paid to these classes or societies, and suitable quarterly tickets shall be given the members in recognition of their membership.

577. When it is deemed advisable a consecration meeting shall be held for the purpose of publicly recognising new members.

578. The class-book shall contain suggestions for the best methods of conducting the meetings.

579. A register of the year and date of birth of each junior member shall be kept, so that the leader at any time may know the ages of all the members.

580. When it is deemed more convenient the junior members may meet in other classes, but their names shall be entered on a separate page of the class-book, and the date and year of their birth shall be registered, as in other cases.

581. To such junior members as become fourteen years of age, and who give evidence of a true Christian experience, tickets of full membership shall be given at the quarterly renewal of tickets, or at a consecration meeting held for the purpose, when such meeting is deemed advisable and is appointed by the Quarterly Meeting.

The Temperance League and Band of Hope Union.

582. The Temperance League and Band of Hope Union exist for the purpose of advocating total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors as beverages, and for promoting temperance reform.

General Temperance Committee.

583. The Sunday School Union Committee is the General Committee of the Temperance League and Band of Hope Union. (See Rule 455.)

General Temperance Secretary and Treasurer.

584. There shall be a General Secretary who may be nominated by the Committee but who shall be appointed by Conference. He shall have charge of the business of the Temperance League and Band of Hope Union and be responsible for the general work of the department. There shall also be a General Treasurer, who shall be appointed by the Conference, who shall be the Treasurer of the Sunday School Union.

The Temperance Fund.

585. The General Fund of the Temperance League is supported by bequests and personal donations. It is also recommended that a contribution of not less than one shilling be sent from each Branch of the League and Band of Hope. One-fourth of the amount thus contributed by each District shall be returned to the District Temperance Committee, to be used as the Committee may deem best in carrying on its work.

Report of Temperance League.

586. The April Committee shall prepare a report of its proceedings, presenting such statistics as have been collected from the Districts, and also a balance-sheet of the fund, and submit them to the Conference.

Temperance Requisites.

587. The General Temperance Committee shall prepare all Pledge Cards, Report Forms, Schedules, and Minute-books, to be used by Branches of the League, Stations and District Committees, and supply the same through the Publishing House.

District Temperance Committee.

588. The District Temperance Committee shall be composed of the same persons and held at the same place as the District Sunday School Committee. The object of the Committee is to take oversight of all the temperance organisations in the District with a view to their improvement ; establish branches of the Temperance League, and senior and junior Bands of Hope where they do not already exist ; arrange Temperance conventions and united demonstrations to stimulate interest, and to co-operate with the General Temperance Committee in any united movement for the promotion of temperance reform. (See Rule 468.)

District Temperance Secretary.

589. A Temperance Secretary shall be appointed for each District. He may be nominated by the District Meeting, but his appointment is with the Conference. He shall attend the Committees, record the resolutions, conduct the correspondence, and take charge of all business affecting the department within his District. He shall ascertain where there are no senior and junior Bands of Hope and branches of the Temperance League, and take all prudent steps to establish such where possible, to improve defective organisations, and with the guidance of the Committee promote all temperance work.

590. In preparing for the District Meeting, the secretary shall draw up a report upon Temperance work in the District and draft a resolution upon each station in relation to its temperance organisations, noting especially schools without Bands of Hope and branches of the Temperance League, and decreases in the number of juvenile abstainers. These resolutions to be submitted to the District Meeting, and, if approved, forwarded to the parties concerned.

591. As the General Temperance Secretary has to prepare a report for the General Temperance Committee, to be held in April, each District secretary must forward to him, not later than April 6th, the following :—(1) Copy of the statistics of the District ; (2) Copy of report to District Meeting ; (3) List of schools without Bands of Hope ; (4) List of societies that have sent no subscription ; (5) and a list of personal subscriptions and donations to the general fund.

592. In supplying the statistics from the station schedules, the District secretaries must check the items and totals as given from each society, compare the totals with those of last year, so showing the net increase or decrease.

593. If there has been a transfer of societies during the year to or from other Districts this should be clearly stated in an explanatory note, so that the net increase or decrease may appear.

District Temperance Treasurer.

594. Each District may appoint a Temperance treasurer, whose duty shall be to receive the collections made at conventions, and other meetings organised by the Committee, also personal subscriptions and donations to the District fund; to keep an account of the same, and to present a balance-sheet to the Committee.

Delegate to District Meeting.

595. The Committee may appoint one of its members to attend the District Meeting as a delegate, and also a vice-delegate, who shall take his place in case the principal cannot attend. (See Rule 89.)

District Temperance Conferences.

596. Every year at convenient centres, temperance conferences should be held, at which the newest phases of the question should be discussed, and steps taken to advance our Connexional temperance work. As each District is expected to meet its own local expenses for advertising, travelling, and secretarial work, a collection should be taken and donations requested at such Conferences on behalf of the District fund.

Branches in Stations.

597. A Branch of the League or Band of Hope shall be established in every Church and Sunday School wherever practicable.

598. Proposals to form Branches may come from the station Quarterly Meeting, the station Sunday School Committee, a teachers', a leaders' meeting, or the executive of a C.E. Society, but the appointment, as also the fixing of the time and place of meeting, shall be

with the Station Committee or the station Quarterly Meeting. (See Rule 325.)

599. Each Branch shall be managed by a Committee consisting of—(1) a president, whose duty it shall be to preside at all business meetings; (2) a secretary, to keep account of all cash received and paid, take the minutes of the committee meetings, prepare reports, conduct correspondence, register admissions and attendance, record cases of absence and withdrawal, fill up pledge cards, and supply tickets of membership; (3) a treasurer, to keep accounts of money received and paid by him on behalf of the society; (4) and such other persons as shall be appointed by the station Quarterly Meeting, all of whom must be members of our Church or congregation, except in localities where suitable persons cannot be found in the Church.

600. The Yearly Teachers' Meeting shall receive and consider the nominations of officers made at a meeting when a minister is present, subject to the sanction of the station Quarterly Meeting; and they shall hold office—subject to removal from office during the year by Quarterly Meeting—from one March Quarterly Meeting to another, or from the beginning to the end of the year, where the Yearly Meetings are held before the December Quarterly Meeting, or for such other term as the station Quarterly Meeting may determine. The Committee shall meet for the transaction of business as often as necessary. (See Rule 495.) Each Band of Hope making an annual contribution to the Connexional Temperance Fund, shall, at its yearly meeting, be entitled to elect a representative to attend the leaders' meeting and the station Quarterly Meeting; but in each case the representative must be a member of our Church and over 21 years of age.

General Rules.

601. PLEDGE.—Any person on becoming a member of the Temperance League shall sign the following pledge, or one to the same intent:—

“I promise, by the Lord’s help, to abstain from all intoxicating drinks as beverages, and to discourage the use of them by others.”

602. Any boy or girl whose parents or guardians do not object, shall be eligible for membership in the Band of Hope, and on becoming a member shall sign the above or a similar pledge.

603. All the meetings of the society shall commence and conclude with singing and prayer. As a rule they shall not be prolonged over one hour, or, at most, an hour and a quarter.

604. Semi-theatrical recitations and performances shall not be allowed, and the singing and all the exercises shall be of a pure, refining, and elevating character.

605. The Committee of each branch shall send to the March Quarterly Meeting, on forms provided for the purpose by the Publishing House, a report of the number of members of Temperance Leagues and Bands of Hope, which, having been approved, shall be forwarded to the District Meeting and Conference.

606. Temperance literature shall not be sold in any of our schools on the Lord’s Day.

607. The methods of raising funds for temperance work shall be such as are sanctioned by the station Quarterly Meeting, and the accounts shall be audited annually.

608. Any branch of the League or Band of Hope may make bye-laws for its own management provided they do not contravene, either by expression or intention, the foregoing rules.

ANTI-CIGARETTE LEAGUE.

609. This League was formed for the purpose of dissuading boys and youths from the harmful practice of Cigarette Smoking, and of enrolling them for mutual support and propaganda work.

The Missionary Society.

610. All mission stations are under the direct supervision of the General Missionary Committee, and belong to the Home and Foreign Missions District, except those in Scotland, which belong to the North British District, and those in Wales, which belong to the South Wales District, and those in Devon and Cornwall, which belong to the Devon and Cornwall District.

611. The missions and missionaries are subject to the same rules as other stations and ministers, except where special regulations have been provided.

612. The financial arrangements existing between the General Missionary Committee, and what are at present called mission stations in the North British District, in the South Wales District, and in the Devon and Cornwall District, shall remain, subject only to such alterations in the grants made in aid of the station fund as altered circumstances in these stations may demand; but in all other respects the said stations shall form part of the North British District, the south Wales District, and the Devon and Cornwall District respectively, and be subject to the courts thereof. They shall, however, send the usual quarterly reports and balance-sheets to the District Missionary Committee, which shall first consider them, and then forward them with its findings to the General Missionary Committee for confirmation or otherwise. And in like manner all applications from the said stations for special grants of missionary money for any purpose whatsoever, shall in the first instance be submitted to the District Missionary Committee, which shall then forward them, with its recommendations, to the General Missionary Committee for sanction or otherwise.

613. All documents sent from the Home Missions to their District Meeting must have the sanction of the General Missionary Committee, either expressed by its

signature, or implied in its sanction of the minutes of the previous March Quarterly Meeting.

614. The Home and Foreign Missions' District Meeting shall elect delegates to the Conference in accordance with Rule 119.

GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

615. The General Missionary Committee shall consist of fifty duly elected persons, together with the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Conference; the Connexional Officers resident in London, the Sunday School Union Secretary, the General Missionary Treasurer, the African Missionary Treasurer, the ex-Secretary of the Missionary Committee, and ex-Financial Secretary, the Vice-Secretary of the Missionary Committee, the Vice-Financial Secretary, two representatives of the Young People's Missionary Department, one of whom shall be the Secretary, and two representatives from the Women's Missionary Federation, one of whom shall be the Secretary, to be elected by them at their annual meeting. Also three persons to represent the Primitive Methodist Insurance Company, and two to represent the Primitive Methodist Chapel Aid Association, whose expenses shall be paid by the companies they represent. The afore-said fifty persons shall be elected as follows: Each Home District shall elect one member for each 7,000 members, or fraction of 7,000 members. (See Rule 122.) District Meetings may nominate other persons, but the appointments for the requisite number shall be made in Conference and by ballot.

616. The Committee shall meet on the fourth Wednesday in January, April, July, and October, at such places as the Conference shall appoint. To commence at two o'clock. The Committee shall be the allocating authority of the Sustentation Fund, and the grants for the year shall be made by the General Missionary

Committee at its meeting in July of each year. It shall, before making a grant, ascertain the full financial liabilities of the station, the circumstances of the people, the number of collections made, and what other means and methods are used in support of the station fund. In order to obtain this information it shall have power to appoint a deputation (on which the District Missionary Committee shall be represented) to each applying station to make inquiries. It shall seek by all means in its power to foster a spirit of self-help in all stations aided by the fund, and shall also exercise careful oversight over both its expenditure and income. Applications from stations for ordinary grants shall be made on forms prepared by the General Missionary Committee, and supplied through the Publishing House, and forwarded to their respective District Missionary Committees not later than March 31st of each year; and each application shall be accompanied with the account books of the station for the past four quarters and shall include a separate account of the missionary money raised. (See Rule 685.)

617. Applications for special grants must be made on a form prepared for the purpose, and shall give full and complete details of the case. The District Missionary Committee shall carefully review, and where it deems necessary, revise each application, and through its delegate, present a report on each case, whether ordinary or special, to the District Meeting, which meeting shall send the cases, with its opinion thereon, to the General Missionary Secretary, who shall present them to the July meeting of the General Missionary Committee for its decision.

(a) Each station receiving help from the Missionary Fund shall send through the District Committee to the General Missionary Committee, a quarterly report, with a full statement of its numbers and finances.

618. An Executive shall be appointed to administer missionary affairs between the Quarterly Meetings of

this Committee. It shall consist of nineteen persons, including the General Missionary Secretary, the Treasurers of the General and African Funds, the Financial Secretary, ex-Secretary, and Vice-Secretary. Not fewer than eight members of this executive shall be laymen, including the Treasurers of the General and African Funds. Five members shall form a quorum. This Executive shall be appointed each year by the July meeting of the Missionary Committee, and shall meet monthly in London at Holborn Hall; special meetings may be called by the secretary when necessary. A report of the proceedings of the Executive shall be presented to the Committee.

619. Third-class railway fare shall be allowed to the members of the Committee attending the General and Executive meetings.

620. The General Missionary Committee shall directly superintend the Home Missions, and to it shall be sent all quarterly reports, accounts, minutes, and documents, intended for other Committees or Conference, to be duly forwarded if approved; and all such quarterly reports, minutes, and documents shall be subject to the approval, modification, or disapproval of the Committee, and shall not have any force, or take any effect, except under the sanction of the Committee duly given by resolution.

621. It may offer suggestions to the stations relative to the support of the missionary cause; and must furnish through the Publishing House, boxes, books, cards, Heralds, Yearly Reports, and other such publications as it may deem necessary to advance our mission work. It shall assist in the organisation of Missionary "At Homes," Sales of Work," and "Exhibitions."

622. It shall consider the propriety of opening Home Missions, of taking up such parts of stations as may be offered to it, and of helping to sustain missionaries on self-supporting stations,

623. It must provide suitable schedules for the yearly returns to be made by each station, and these, when properly filled up, it shall publish, with suitable tables and a balance-sheet, showing all receipts and disbursements of missionary money every year.

624. It must supply the General Book Steward with such missionary goods as he may have to send to the stations.

625. It shall appoint the General Missionary Secretary and the Financial Secretary as delegates to the Missions' District Meeting.

626. It may prepare legislation for the Conference. (See Rule 62.)

627. Parties dissatisfied with the decision of this Committee may appeal to the General Committee.

The General Treasurer.

628. The General Treasurer is appointed by the Conference, is amenable to the Committee for his official conduct, and is eligible for re-appointment annually, as the Conference shall think proper. This rule also applies to the Treasurer of the African Fund.

629. The money belonging to the General Missionary and Sustentation Fund is invested in a bank, in the name of the Financial Secretary of this fund, and he is responsible for any money which he and the Committee may arrange with the bankers to advance.

The Financial Secretary.

630. The Financial Secretary is appointed by the Conference annually, but shall not retain office longer than five years, and he is amenable to the Committee for his official conduct.

631. He must receive all moneys belonging to the Missionary Funds, invest them as the Committee shall direct, and furnish an official receipt. (See Rule 643.)

632. He must pay all claims made upon the Missionary Funds, as directed by the General Secretary on behalf of the Committee.

633. He shall keep all accounts and render a quarterly statement to the Committee. He must also prepare the financial part of the Yearly Report from the returns sent by the stations.

634. He shall prepare the books and vouchers for the auditors.

The General Secretary.

635. The General Secretary is elected by the Conference from year to year, but shall not retain office longer than five years, nor be eligible to resume office till he has been out of it five years. He is amenable to the Committee for his official conduct. (See Rules 872-875.)

636. He must receive and examine all letters sent to the Committee; attend all the meetings of the Committee, and record and preserve all the minutes made; prepare schedules, labels, books, boxes, and cards, for distribution in the stations; prepare the "Heralds," Yearly Report (except the financial part), and all other publications issued by the Committee; write the Committee's letters, embodying their minutes on the cases submitted to them; and correspond with all foreign stations and colonial districts.

637. He must visit the Home Missions, attend their official meetings when necessary, and shall, along with the Financial Secretary, assist in deputation work as far as administrative duties will permit.

638. He must receive the quarterly balance-sheets and minutes from the missions, and examine them preparatory to the Quarterly Meeting of the missionaries.

639. He must arrange for the outfit and passage of all missionaries when going abroad or returning to England.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY COMMITTEES.

640. In each Home District there shall be a District Missionary Committee, consisting of the same persons as the District Committee, or of such other persons as the District Meeting and Conference may decide. A District Missionary Treasurer and Secretary shall be nominated by the District Meeting, and appointed yearly by the Conference. (See Rules 616, 617.)

641. The stations in each Home District shall inform their respective District Missionary Committees (not later than March 31st of each year) of the dates of their proposed Missionary Meetings, and the names of the deputation invited. The District Missionary Committees shall revise, and, as far as practicable, complete these lists, and forward them through their District Meetings to the General Missionary Secretary, who shall get them printed in time to reach the stations with the June book parcels. District Missionary Committees and District Meetings shall seek to secure, as far as possible, that persons with missionary knowledge and sympathy shall act as deputations. District Missionary Committees shall also carefully review local expenses.

642. Each District Missionary Committee shall adopt such means as it may deem most suitable to promote interest in mission work and increase missionary revenue. District Conferences shall be held annually, to be attended by one of the Missionary Secretaries, or a representative of the General Missionary Committee.

643. The District Missionary Treasurer shall remit the whole of the missionary money received from the stations, with an account in detail, to the Financial Secretary every fortnight. His accounts shall be audited yearly by auditors nominated by the District Missionary Committee and appointed by the District Meeting. He shall also receive from the Financial Secretary the amount due each quarter to his District for needy

stations, and remit to each station the sum allocated. He shall present a quarterly balance-sheet to the District Missionary Committee of cash received, and of cash remitted to the Financial Secretary and to needy stations. (See Rule 655.)

644. The Secretary shall keep a record of the transactions of the District Missionary Committee, conduct the Committee's correspondence, and carry out such instructions as may be deemed prudent to promote the increase of missionary revenue; arrange for Missionary Conferences when considered necessary, and prepare a brief annual report for the District Meeting and Conference.

645. Each District Missionary Committee shall send a delegate to the District Meeting, and may also send legislation to the same meeting. (See Rules 62, 89.) The delegates' expenses shall be paid from the General Missionary and Sustentation Fund.

646. On all matters relating to the missionary revenue of a district or other interests affecting the fund, the General Missionary Committee shall correspond with the District Missionary Committee.

STATION MISSIONARY COMMITTEES.

647. Every station must have a Missionary Committee with a treasurer and a secretary.

648. Station Missionary Committees shall be composed of the Station Committees; the superintendent ministers shall be treasurers, and the Quarterly Meetings shall appoint secretaries.

649. Annual missionary services shall be held and collections made in support of Missions at every place where we have a congregation. Where it is practicable each circuit shall hold two missionary meetings at each place, one for the General Fund, and one for the African Fund.

650. A plan of any station shall, if required by the General Missionary Committee, be sent quarterly to its District Missionary Committee, with an account of the number of members and of missionary collectors at each place.

651. Missionary services shall be attended by as efficient deputations as can be conveniently secured at a reasonable expense. Third-class railway fares shall be paid, and a gratuity of not more than £1 for each person attending as a deputation. Stations may invite deputations from beyond their own District, but this must be done with due regard to economy. No deduction, except what is required to meet the cost of the deputation and other local expenses, shall be made from the collections taken at the Sunday services or the public meetings. Collectors for this fund shall be engaged and furnished with boxes, books or cards, as the treasurer or secretary may deem expedient. (See Rule 641.)

652. The District Meeting shall arrange for missionary meetings to be held in every station. The arrangements must be given in the order of dates, and not according to the priority of the stations. The arrangement so made shall be obligatory on the preachers and stations concerned. Missionary deputations shall be exclusively employed in preaching sermons and delivering addresses on behalf of the missionary funds, and special efforts for station purposes shall not be made in connection with missionary services.

653. Monthly missionary prayer meetings shall be held at every place where practicable. The times of meetings and the names of persons to conduct them, shall be published on the station's plan. At each of these meetings a few minutes may be spent in reading extracts from the Heralds; and the reading shall be followed by special prayer.

654. Towns containing more than one circuit are asked to arrange for an annual United Missionary

Demonstration, to be addressed by a returned missionary, a Conference representative, or one of the secretaries. Each Conference shall prepare a panel of speakers for such meetings.

Missionary Money.

655. The treasurer must receive the money raised on his station for the General Missionary and Sustentation Fund and remit it within a fortnight to the District treasurer, according to rule. He must use the duplicate forms, one of which shall be forwarded with the remittance to the District treasurer, and the other to the District secretary. He shall also receive money raised for the African Fund, and remit the same within a fortnight to the treasurer of that fund, using the forms provided. The duplicate of the form sent with remittance shall be forwarded to the District secretary.

THE GENERAL MISSIONARY AND SUSTENTATION FUND.

656. This Fund is raised by public collections and other means, and is devoted to the support and extension of our Home and Colonial Missionary work, and the securing to all ministers on the Home stations the minimum salary fixed from time to time by the Conference, when the ordinary income of a station is not sufficient for this purpose ; but higher salaries shall not be paid from this fund except in such cases as are provided for by rule. (See Rule 685 *g*.)

657. Every station is desired to obtain as many annual subscribers as possible, and to make use of all available means to increase missionary revenue.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

658. (a) A Young People's Missionary department shall be formed, to be under the control of the General Missionary Committee.

b. The Executive for administering the department shall be formed of representatives of the General

Missionary Committee, the General Sunday School Committee, and the Central Council of Christian Endeavour. The Executive to be composed of twelve representatives: six from the General Missionary Committee and six from the General Sunday School Committee and Central Council of Christian Endeavour.

c. All moneys raised in connection with the department shall be devoted to our Foreign missionary work.

d. All income to be reported in the Yearly Missionary returns of the stations in which it is raised.

e. The annual report of the department and the Missionary Herald shall be given to every contributing Sunday School and Christian Endeavour Society, and to every person who shall contribute or collect at least five shillings per year for the funds.

f. A missionary secretary shall be appointed for every Sunday School by the annual teachers' meeting.

g. Every Christian Endeavour Society shall have a Missionary Committee with a secretary.

h. A Young People's missionary anniversary shall be held annually in connection with every Sunday School.

i. All moneys raised in the Sunday Schools, or by Christian Endeavour Societies, for missionary purposes shall be handed to the superintendent minister at the anniversary for transmission to the General Foreign Treasurer.

j. The Executive shall have authority to take all prudent measures for carrying these proposals into effect.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION.

659. Station authorities are recommended to form Branches of the Women's Missionary Federation in connection with their Churches.

660. Any woman subscribing not less than one shilling per annum, and supporting the monthly efforts of the local branch to raise money for the missionary funds, shall become a member of the branch.

661. Branches are desired to obtain monthly or annual subscribers, and to aid the Missionary Committee in such other ways as from time to time may be deemed advisable.

662. A president, treasurer, secretary and committee shall be appointed by the members of each branch.

663. All moneys collected or otherwise raised, shall be paid to the secretary monthly, and shall be sent, through the treasurer of the branch, to the Financial Secretary annually, and not later than March 20th.

664. It is recommended that where practicable a monthly meeting of the branch be held, also a quarterly meeting, at which a statement of all moneys raised or collected shall be submitted. The accounts shall be audited yearly, and the books signed by the president of the branch and the minister of the station wherein the branch is situated.

665. Each subscriber of not less than one shilling annually, and supporting the monthly efforts of the branch to raise money for the missionary funds, shall receive a copy of the Missionary Herald monthly.

666. A report of the moneys raised by each branch shall be submitted by the secretary annually to the minister of the station wherein the branch operates.

667. The Women's Missionary Federation shall affiliate all the society and station branches, and the Federation shall hold an annual meeting of representatives from each branch, and shall, at this meeting, appoint a president, minute secretary, treasurer, organising secretary, and an Executive Committee to transact the business of the Federation.

668. The organising secretary shall present all reports, and any alteration or amendment of the Federation rules to the General Missionary Committee for approval. The General Missionary Secretary shall have access to all Committee meetings, and shall be duly advised of such.

669. The Missionary Committee shall furnish all necessary books and cards and boxes for the working of the branches of the Federation.

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

670. This League has been formed for the purpose of diffusing missionary knowledge, and of stimulating missionary interest and liberality, among the laymen of our Church. There is a Roll of Honour in connection with it, on which the names of those appear who promise to contribute a definite annual amount for missionary objects.

YEARLY RETURNS.

671. The superintendent minister of each station, at the end of the financial year, which closes on March 31st, shall fill up the schedules prepared by the General Missionary Committee, so as to show all missionary money raised on his station, and shall send them to the Financial Secretary, in time to reach him not later than March 31st. If this rule be not observed the yearly returns cannot appear in the printed report.

672. When errors are discovered in the printed accounts, any explanations desired must be sought from the superintendent minister who prepared the returns.

673. In reporting small sums, the regulations published on the yearly return forms must be observed,

674. Superintendent ministers must keep in a book the names of all who are entitled to receive the Herald monthly and Annual Reports, and must order the proper number on the yearly returns, and see that they are regularly delivered.

675. Every minister and each person who subscribes or collects not less than five shillings a year shall be supplied with a copy of the Missionary Herald, and subscribers or collectors of not less than ten shillings a year with a copy of the Herald, and also of the Annual Report.

676. Every superintendent minister must order from the Publishing House all the missionary goods that may be needed, and when missionary boxes cease to be used they must be recalled for the use of other collectors.

HOME MISSIONS.

677. Every new mission shall, as soon as practicable, have official meetings similar to those in self-supporting stations, but in subordination to the General Missionary Committee.

678. Every mission must receive the minister appointed to it by the Missionary Committee, or Conference.

679. Furniture must not be bought without the sanction of the General Missionary Committee.

680. The Missionary Committee shall not be responsible for any loss incurred by printing station plans.

681. The missionaries must use the printed balance-sheets for their quarterly accounts and minutes, must order them of the General Book Steward, and must send them properly filled up to the Missionary Secretary, not later than the 12th of March, June, September, and December respectively.

682. The superintendent of each mission must fill up all the schedules that may be prepared and sent to him by the Missionary Committee so as to aid in preparing the Yearly Report. He must also send particulars of conversions and other information, suitable to appear in the Missionary Herald.

683. Home missionaries are pledged by the General Missionary Committee, and if on the Home Missions at the end of their probation, they must attend the Home Missions' District Meeting, unless the Committee make other arrangements for their examination.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF MISSIONARIES.

684. A meeting shall be held quarterly, at which the accounts and minutes from the Missions' Quarterly Meetings shall be examined and minutes passed thereon, which minutes shall afterwards be submitted to the General Missionary Committee for confirmation or otherwise. Missionaries attend at their own expense. Members of the Missionary Committee may attend if they think proper.

MISSIONARIES' SALARIES.

685. In July each year the General Missionary Committee shall ascertain the number of members on each station, and the amount contributed for the support of the missionaries. The average of the last four quarters shall be taken, the circumstances of the people and the amount per head contributed shall be considered, and reasonable increase of income shall be assumed. The Committee shall next ascertain the amount that will be required to pay the quarterly demands for the current year ; and shall then fix how much shall be sent quarterly from the missionary fund. In calculating the amount of expenditure the following salaries and allowances shall be reckoned (see Rule 616) :—

a. The minimum salary of a missionary on the approved list, whether superintendent or non-superintendent, shall be £25 per

quarter. Besides this he shall have 2s. a week for each of his children under eighteen years of age, born during his ministry. He shall also have a furnished house, with rent, rates, and taxes.

b. Married missionaries while on probation shall only be entitled to £15 per quarter for the first two years, and £16 per quarter for the remaining years of probation, without any extras, except 2s. a week for each child born after they entered the ministry.

c. The *minimum* salary of probationers shall be £15 per quarter for the first two years, and £16 per quarter for the remaining years of probation.

d. Should the station prosper, and the income increase during the year, the missionary shall reap the advantage; but should the station decline, and the income decrease, the missionary shall suffer the loss.

e. On stations which employ more than one missionary the advantages or disadvantages shall be shared in the proportion of two-thirds to missionaries on the approved list and one-third to probationers.

f. Should anything arise during the year to disturb the arrangements made, the case shall be submitted to the Missionary Committee for consideration and for the re-adjustment of the grant.

g. Where the Missionary Committee have important spheres of labour, and especially where there are heavy chapel liabilities, they shall have power to give a higher salary than is allowed by the foregoing sections; but in no case shall a higher salary be paid than is allowed by self-supporting stations.

h. The trustees of chapels shall give part or the whole of the seat rents towards the support of the missionaries wherever this can be done in harmony with the provisions of the trust deeds and Connexional rules. (See Rules 344-346.)

MISSIONARIES ON SELF-SUPPORTING STATIONS.

686. In large towns and thickly populated districts any station wishing to carry on aggressive work by the employment of a missionary, must first submit a statement of its plans and prospects to its District Missionary Committee; and if the Committee approve, then the case, with the District Committee's letter, must be sent to the General Missionary Committee, which shall decide what amount of help, if any, shall be allowed from the missionary fund. The Committee shall not render such help unless the station will bind itself to continue the

employment of an additional minister after the expiration of the term during which help shall be rendered according to agreement.

687. These missionaries shall have the status of ministers, and belong to the stations and the districts within which they labour; but as the stations receive aid from the missionary fund they must transmit quarterly reports of the labours of the missionaries to the District Missionary Committee.

AFRICAN MISSIONS.

688. The missions in the different parts of Africa are under the direct superintendence of the General Missionary Committee, and shall be managed according to the general rules and usages of the Connexion, so far as the different circumstances will allow.

a. The Foreign Mission membership is attached to the Home Mission membership for purposes of representation in Conference. (See Rule 119.)

689. The Missionaries shall be under such regulations as are adopted and issued by the annual Conference from time to time.

690. Stations, Women's Branches, Sunday Schools, Endeavour and Juvenile Missionary Societies, Brotherhoods and other institutions are requested to assist in raising funds for the African Missions.

The Treasurer of the African Fund.

691. The Treasurer shall receive all money contributed for the said fund, give receipts within a reasonable time, and pay all claims upon the fund either through the Financial Secretary, or as otherwise directed by the Committee. (See Rules 628, 655.)

692. He must keep accounts of all receipts and payments, present his books for audit as the Conference or Committee shall direct. He shall prepare a balance-sheet, which shall appear in the Yearly Report.

GENERAL MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

693. The General Missionary Committee, aided by a deputation from each of the London stations, shall make the necessary arrangements for the anniversary of the Missionary Society, to be held in London, in April or May. The arrangements for the Women's Meeting in connection with the anniversary shall be made by the London Women's Foreign Missionary Society, subject to the confirmation or otherwise of the General Missionary Committee.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY DAY.

694. A Missionary Day shall be held in connection with each Conference, during which missionary services shall be held, and missionaries recently returned from Africa or other Mission fields shall be invited to speak.

Funds.

THE CONNEXIONAL FUND.

695. This fund meets the expenses of Conference and Committees, and other matters as indicated in Rule 701, and assists by grants the Superannuated Ministers, Widows and Orphans' Fund, the Hartley College Fund, and the General Chapel Fund.

696. To raise the sum required, an annual assessment shall be made of ninepence per member approved and on trial in March, for the Home Districts; and of sevenpence halfpenny per member for the Mission Stations and the Colonies—this latter assessment being less on the ground that the Mission Stations and the Colonies receive nothing from the fund towards removal expenses of their ministers. The above amounts may be raised by collections, donations, or in any other way stations may think best.

697. The treasurer shall receive the remittances from the stations quarterly, as per Rule 225. The first instalment for the year is due in September.

698. The General Committee is the Committee for this fund.

699. The treasurer of the Connexional Fund shall remit to the sectional treasurers not later than the 25th of September, December, March, and June.

700. Applications for allowances from this fund must be made to the secretary on printed forms supplied by the Publishing House, and after the General Committee has approved these applications, the treasurer shall remit the sums allowed.

701. From this fund payments are made as follows :—

a. Third-class fare for travelling expenses, and a gratuity of ten shillings, to each member of the Conference ; also to the General Committee delegate, District Committee and District Building Committee delegates to the District Meetings, and to District Committee and District Building Committee secretaries when attending their Committees, third-class fare. The only exception to the payment of third-class fares shall be when railway companies grant to our annual Conference or other meetings the privilege for its members to travel both ways at a reduced rate. In such cases the amount allowed shall be the amount of the reduced fare.

b. Stations which have uninvited ministers appointed to them by the Conference shall receive towards removal expenses from this fund one-half of sums calculated on the following scale :—

1. For an approved list minister of more than one year's standing as such, sevenpence per mile for every mile beyond the first fifty miles, together with one penny per mile for each of his children born during his ministry, and under eighteen years of age, removing with him.

2. For approved list ministers just admitted, and for probationers, fourpence per mile beyond the first hundred miles.

3. The distance a removing minister has travelled must be ascertained by measuring, in a straight line, on a good map, from the place of his abode in his last station, to that of his abode in his new one, and one mile to every five must be added for deviations from the straight line.

4. The remainder of the removal expenses shall be paid by the station concerned. (See also Rule 282.)

c. When a Connexional officer leaves office and takes a station, the station to which he removes shall pay for the first fifty miles, and the remainder shall be paid out of the Connexional Fund.

d. Ten pounds towards the furnishing of a house to a minister on his superannuation, and ten pounds to the widow of a minister who has died while on the active list.

e. The travelling expenses of a minister when superannuated, to the place where he goes to reside, if within the United Kingdom, according to the scale fixed by the foregoing section *b*, but without any deduction of mileage.

f. The travelling expenses of a minister's widow to the place to which she may go to reside (in the United Kingdom) at the rate of threepence a mile for herself, and one penny a mile for each child under eighteen years of age removing with her (also without deduction), according to the scale fixed by the foregoing section.

g. Third-class railway fare for probationers attending the annual examinations ; and the same for the examiners. One penny per mile for the first eighty each way which each examinee travels to his District Meeting for examination when completing his probation.

h. Expenses of travelling not mentioned above are paid at the rate of a penny per mile. (See Rule 378.)

i. Nothing is allowed from this fund for the travelling expenses of a minister when going to his first station ; but the station must pay him threepence per mile for each mile beyond the first fifty.

j. No removal expenses are allowed from this fund for missionaries, nor for ministers on colonial stations, nor to a minister who is removed on account of his own improper conduct, or who fails on his pledge.

702. This fund assists stations to pay for supplies when illness prevents their ministers from fulfilling their appointments, and helps afflicted ministers to obtain medical aid. But nothing must be allowed from this fund on account of the illness of any minister until he has completed the second year of his probation. (See Rule 700.)

a. For each complete successive week of a minister's illness, after the first four, till the completion of the fifty-second, there shall be allowed to the minister two shillings a week towards medical aid ;

and to the station ten shillings a week for the illness of an approved list minister, eight shillings a week for that of a probationer, provided his appointments have been fully supplied during his illness as stated above ; but when the supplies have been partial, not more than three-fourths of the forenamed sums shall be allowed. Nor shall the same minister or station be entitled to become again chargeable to the fund until six months have elapsed from the expiration of the fifty-second week aforesaid.

b. Every application to this fund for aid on account of a minister's illness must state who has been employed and how long he has been paid to supply the appointments of the sick minister on whose behalf the application is made.

Temporary Relief from Ministerial Duty.

703. Ministers needing entire, but temporary relief from station work shall be appointed by the Conference to some station entitled to a minister in similar circumstances (as to being on the approved list, or otherwise) ; and the station shall also have an assistant appointed to it with the view of relieving the sick minister from all ministerial duty.

a. The assistant appointed to a station for this purpose shall be of the first or second year and shall receive as his salary £15 per quarter, £10 of which shall be granted by the Connexional Fund, £4 shall be deducted from the salary of the minister so relieved, and £1 shall be paid by the station ; but the minister's house rent, rates, taxes, and other allowances shall be continued the same as if he were in active work. (See Rule 700.)

b. When a minister requires only partial relief, being able to take some appointments, render pastoral oversight, and attend to station business, but is not equal to full duty, a quarterly allowance of £5 shall be made from the Connexional Fund to the station. Two pounds per quarter shall be deducted from the salary of the minister so relieved, and the balance required to pay for an assistant shall be raised by the station to which the sick minister may be temporarily appointed.

c. With the view of providing suitable stations for ministers requiring entire or partial relief, arrangements shall be made for their appointment before any application be granted to relieve any station of a second or third minister,

d. It shall be in the power of the Conference to interfere with any ministerial invitation, where such interference may be deemed necessary, to provide suitable places for ministers needing relief.

e. All applications for entire or partial relief shall be sent to the Conference through the Station Quarterly Meeting, the District Committee, and the District Meeting, accompanied by a medical certificate—the medical referee to be appointed by the District Committee.

f. In case either entire or partial relief shall become necessary during the year, a station may apply through its Quarterly Meeting to its District Committee, and this Committee shall forward the application, with its opinion thereon, to the General Committee, which shall have power to afford relief if satisfied of its necessity.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS, WIDOWS, AND ORPHANS' FUND.

704. This Fund is supported by the profits of the Publishing House, grant from the Connexional Fund, subscriptions, donations, bequests, etc., and is under the management of the General Committee.

705. A secretary shall be appointed yearly by the Conference, whose duties shall be :—

- a.* To record and preserve all minutes affecting this fund.
- b.* To conduct correspondence with the annuitants and others respecting the affairs of this fund.
- c.* To issue annual notices to the ministers in the active work respecting their subscriptions.
- d.* To issue such appeals on behalf of this fund as shall be decided upon by the Committee.
- e.* To receive and examine all applications from claimants.
- f.* To direct the treasurer what allowances to remit to annuitants.
- g.* To prepare the annual report for the Committee and Conference.

706. A treasurer shall be appointed annually by Conference, who shall provide a bond for £500, and whose duties shall be :—

- a.* To receive all moneys intended for this fund.

b. To remit all allowances to annuitants, as directed by the secretary, on the first of January, April, July and October respectively.

c. To keep proper accounts of all sums received and all payments made by him and to have his books ready for the Connexional auditors.

d. To prepare the annual Balance Sheet for the Committee and Conference.

707. The entire available profits of the Publishing House shall be devoted to this fund.

708. Ministers in active work shall subscribe £1 each yearly to this fund, which amount shall be paid not later than September 20th, to the treasurer, by ministers on the Home Stations and the Foreign Missions, and to the District treasurer by ministers in New Zealand.

709. Any minister who while in the active work shall have failed in any year to pay the subscription due from him to this fund, shall, when superannuating, not have that year counted to him in fixing his annuity.

710. Each ministerial annuitant shall subscribe 15s., and each widow annuitant 5s., yearly, which subscriptions shall be deducted by the treasurer from the annuities payable on October 1st.

711. Ministers' subscriptions shall be entered upon the station's report to the District Meeting and Conference, and a record shall also be made in this report of all widow annuitants who are members of the station.

712. Any superannuated minister who shall marry while an annuitant shall have no claim upon this fund for the allowance for any child of such marriage; nor shall his widow, in the event of his leaving one, have any claim upon the fund, unless he shall have previously resumed the active ministry, or she was previously an annuitant.

713. If any annuitant shall cease to be a member of the Primitive Methodist Church, except when he or she shall reside in any place where there is no Primitive Methodist place of worship, such annuitant shall forfeit his or her annuity.

714. Any minister against whom there is no charge of immorality, but who has been set aside by the Conference for inefficiency, shall have returned to him all the subscriptions he has paid into this fund, without interest.

715. Any minister who shall resign his position as a minister of the Primitive Methodist Church shall forfeit all claim to the subscriptions he has paid and also to his annuity.

716. The General Committee shall have power to suspend until the ensuing Conference the annuity of any annuitant against whom a charge of immorality has been proven in the proper courts, and the decision of the Conference on the continuance or otherwise of the annuity shall be final.

717. Annuitants or stations dissatisfied with the action of the General Committee have right of appeal to the Conference.

718. The superintendent minister of the station in which an annuitant is a member shall forward to the secretary an intimation of the death of any such annuitant within a fortnight of the decease.

719. When a minister ceases to be a member of the Itinerant Preachers' Friendly Society, he shall cease to have any claim on the Superannuated Ministers, Widows, and Orphans' Fund. His subscription shall not afterwards be received, and unless he seek to re-enter the Itinerant Preachers' Friendly Society he shall cease to be a minister. These regulations apply prospectively only, and from the Conference of 1893,

720. The following shall be the scale of allowances from this fund :—

Number of Years Travelled.	Allowance to Superannuated Ministers.	Allowance to Widows.	Number of Years Travelled.	Allowance to Superannuated Ministers.	Allowance to Widows.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
8 years	13 0 0	6 0 0	25 years	28 15 0	14 10 0
9 „	14 0 0	6 10 0	26 „	29 10 0	15 0 0
10 „	15 0 0	7 0 0	27 „	30 5 0	15 10 0
11 „	16 0 0	7 10 0	28 „	31 0 0	16 0 0
12 „	17 0 0	8 0 0	29 „	31 15 0	16 10 0
13 „	18 0 0	8 10 0	30 „	32 10 0	17 0 0
14 „	19 0 0	9 0 0	31 „	33 5 0	17 10 0
15 „	20 0 0	9 10 0	32 „	34 0 0	18 0 0
16 „	21 0 0	10 0 0	33 „	34 15 0	18 10 0
17 „	22 0 0	10 10 0	34 „	35 10 0	19 0 0
18 „	23 0 0	11 0 0	35 „	36 5 0	19 10 0
19 „	24 0 0	11 10 0	36 „	37 0 0	20 0 0
20 „	25 0 0	12 0 0	37 „	37 15 0	20 10 0
21 „	25 15 0	12 10 0	38 „	38 10 0	21 0 0
22 „	26 10 0	13 0 0	39 „	39 5 0	21 10 0
23 „	27 5 0	13 10 0	40 „	40 0 0	22 0 0
24 „	28 0 0	14 0 0			

a. A minister who has been superannuated by the Conference shall receive an allowance from this fund according to the above table. The years of his ministry are reckoned from one Conference to another, and the allowance is made for uninterrupted service.

b. If any minister shall marry a woman fifteen years and upwards younger than himself and leave her a widow, her annuity shall be based on the number of years she has travelled with her husband, and allowance made on the following scale :—

One year..	£4 0 0
Two years	4 10 0

And so on, increasing 10s. a year up to thirty-six years, when no further advance shall be made.

c. No reduction shall be made in the allowance to annuitants without the previous sanction of the Conference,

d. Two pounds ten shillings per year shall be allowed to a superannuated minister for each of his children under eighteen years of age, but no allowance shall be made from this fund to widows on account of children, as in this case they are provided for by the Itinerant Preachers' Friendly Society.

e. Seven pounds ten shillings per year shall be allowed to each child of a deceased minister when the mother is also dead, until such child shall have attained the age of eighteen years. The application must be made by the superintendent of the station in which the orphan resides, to whom also the remittances must be sent.

f. If any minister shall die before he has been eight years in the ministry, his widow or legal representative shall have returned the amount he has paid into this fund, but without interest.

LOCAL PREACHERS' AID FUND.

721. The object of this fund is to assist aged Local Preachers who are in needy circumstances.

722. This fund is supported by collections which shall be made at one service every year in not less than one-half of the places of worship in each station, and also by voluntary contributions.

723. The General Committee shall be the Committee of management, and applications for aid shall be made on printed forms to the secretary of the fund.

724. Each applicant shall give his name and age, and full postal address; state how long he has been a member of our Church, and how long a local preacher; what are his occupation and income, and whether he is a member of any club or benefit society, or in receipt of aid from any fund or institution, or of the Old Age Pension, or anything under the Insurance Act. If he is over seventy years of age and is not enjoying the Old Age Pension he must give the reason. Any amount received as above must be stated. He must also say if he has any member of his family dependent upon him. The application must be sent through the Quarterly Meeting of the station in which he is a member, and the meeting must state if there are any special circumstances in the case.

725. All applications shall be carefully considered by the Committee, and grants made according to the needs of the case and the condition of the fund, no grant to exceed £5 at any one time.

THE GENERAL CHAPEL FUND.

726. The General Chapel Fund and Chapel Loan Fund shall be under the management of one Committee, to be called the General Chapel Fund Committee.

727. This Committee shall consist of not more than forty-two persons, viz.: the treasurer, secretary, vice-secretary and ex-secretary of the General Chapel Fund and of the Loan Fund, the treasurer and secretary of the Connexional Fund, and of the General Missionary Fund: two members elected by the Primitive Methodist Chapel Aid Association, Limited, two by the directors of the Primitive Methodist Insurance Company, Limited, and one by each Home District Meeting. Other members shall be elected in Conference by ballot. The treasurer and secretary of the General Chapel Fund and of the Loan Fund may be nominated by the General Chapel Fund Committee, but their appointment to such offices shall be with the Conference. The expenses of the members of this Committee representing the above-named institutions shall be met by the institutions or funds they represent. The expenses of other members shall be paid by the General Chapel Fund. The Committee shall meet at such times and places as the Conference shall appoint.

728. The District Building Committee shall have supervision over all chapels in relation to grants or loans from this fund; and applications for either shall be made to the General Chapel Fund Committee through the Building Committee of the District in which the applying station is situated, and by sanction of the station Quarterly Meeting.

729. The "cost of the trust estate," in such applications, shall include original cost, and what has since been spent in permanent alterations and enlargements.

730. The General Chapel Fund shall also be open to receive bequests, private subscriptions, and donations, and its whole revenue shall be distributed in grants or loans without interest, as the Committee may deem best.

731. Stations shall be eligible for a grant in aid of reduction of debt, so far as the funds at the disposal of the Committee will allow.

732. The treasurer must receive and pay all moneys belonging to the fund, as sanctioned by the Committee ; and keep an account of all his receipts and disbursements.

733. The secretary shall be the corresponding member of the Committee ; all applications for grants or loans must reach the Secretary at least five days before the meeting of the Committee.

734. The treasurer and secretary must prepare for the Conference a report of the Committee's proceedings for each year, ending March 31st, including a balance-sheet of accounts.

735. The Committee to which the treasurer and secretary are amenable for their official conduct, must see that they discharge their respective duties.

736. The Committee may send legislation to Conference. (See Rule 62.)

Grants.

737. All grants shall be made to needy trust estates on the principle of stimulating local effort, and in no case as a substitute for it,

738. The primary application of the money of this fund shall be towards trust estates unable to meet current liabilities, but when the Committee considers it has adequate funds at command, it may make grants in aid of the reduction of debt on trust property generally, and in cases of special need and promise, in aid of new erections.

739. The Committee must guard against making grants to trustees who do not make proper efforts to extricate themselves from their difficulties, as the fund is not designed to relieve cases of distress arising from mismanagement or the inactivity of responsible parties.

740. The Committee must receive and examine those applications only which are made according to rule, and in behalf of those chapels only which are legally secured to the Connexion.

a. Every application, whether for a grant or a loan, must be approved by a meeting of the trustees of the chapel. The application must be made on a proper form (obtained at the Publishing House), duly filled up, and signed.

741. The Committee may withhold assistance from, or make grants to, applicants, in accordance with rule, to such extent and on such conditions as it may judge proper, after having investigated all the circumstances of each case.

742. Grants shall not be paid until the Committee is satisfied that the conditions on which they were made have been fulfilled. Detailed balance-sheets must be sent.

743. If a grant promised by the Committee be not claimed in three years from the date of the promise, the case shall be regarded as lapsed.

744. When an extension of time has been given for the fulfilment of conditions upon which the promise of aid was made, the station, when applying for payment

of the grant, shall state when and for how long the extension was given.

Chapel Loan Fund.

745. All loans from this fund shall be made only on the condition that the trustees obtaining them engage to repay them at the rate of ten per cent. per annum in half-yearly instalments, with an addition of one per cent. per annum to meet working expenses.

a. All applicants for loans shall be required to furnish with their application a copy of the last year's chapel schedules.

b. The security given for the loan shall be a promissory note, the signing of which shall be witnessed by the superintendent minister. The superintendent minister must send to the secretary of the General Chapel Fund Committee the name, residence, and occupation of each person who will sign the promissory note. The expense of the promissory note shall be borne by the parties obtaining the loan, and it shall be retained by the treasurer, who shall be held responsible for its safe keeping.

THE LEGAL DEFENCE FUND.

746. The object of this fund is to defend our trust properties and interests whenever threatened or infringed, and to take and defend proceedings in courts of law when necessary.

747. The Legal Defence Fund Committee shall be composed of the same persons as the General Chapel Fund Committee.

748. Every trust fund shall contribute annually to the Legal Defence Fund, where the property has cost less than £2,000, one shilling; and where more than £2,000, two shillings; to be remitted from the trustees' Yearly Meeting.

749. No trustees shall receive help from this fund who do not regularly contribute to it as per scale approved.

750. In every case where the co-operation of the Legal Defence Fund Committee is desired, the applying trustees must submit the whole question in dispute to this Committee, with all letters and documents relating thereto, before any legal proceedings are taken. When approved, this committee shall assist trustees whose legal rights are infringed or threatened, by counsel, financial help, and in every other practicable way.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

751. The object of this fund is to assist in the erection of chapels and schools in necessitous and promising localities.

752. The spheres of operation shall be :—

London and its suburbs ;

Large provincial centres and rising localities generally ;

Watering places, seaside and inland.

753. The source of income shall be—(a) An annual grant from the Home Missionary Fund of £800, with 50 per cent. of all increases in missionary income from station contributions over £11,000 per annum. (b) Such annual grants from Chapel and other Connexional funds as may be found practicable. (c) Annual subscriptions or donations from members and friends. (d) Public collections in our places of worship.

754. The fund shall be administered by the General Missionary Committee, and this Committee shall appoint an effective executive. (See Rule 618.)

755. A ministerial secretary shall be set apart for this work, who shall hold the office jointly with that of Deputy Treasurer and Financial Secretary, under the title of Financial Secretary. His residence shall be in London.

756. This fund shall have power to assist approved cases of extension :—(a) By paying interest for a term of years. Trustees may borrow where they prefer, but it is recommended that loans be secured from the Chapel Aid Association. (b) Interest is paid on condition that the loan is repaid in yearly instalments on a scale to be arranged. Application forms are obtained from the Publishing House.

757. In all cases proposed to be assisted from this fund, the plans of sites and buildings shall be sent through the Building Committee of the District in which the same are located and must be approved by the said Committee.

758. But in the case of affiliated auxiliaries of the Church Extension Fund, such as that in Manchester, the Local Committee shall have the right to send all applications for aid direct to the Connexional Church Extension Fund Committee, it being understood that the District Building Committee secretary and the District Missionary Committee secretary be supplied with a duplicate copy of the application, and that all plans of sites and buildings shall be submitted to the District Building Committee before the site is purchased or the building erected.

THE LONDON CHAPEL AND SCHOOL EXTENSION FUND.

Objects.

759. The London Chapel and School Extension Fund shall assist in acquiring sites, erecting chapels and schools, and reducing existing debts within the area of the metropolitan stations.

Management.

760. This fund shall be managed by a Committee appointed by the Conference to consist of the following :—

The Connexional Officers resident in London ;

The superintendent minister of each London station ;

One layman from each London station nominated by the March Quarterly Meeting ;

Twelve other persons nominated by the Committee at the April Meeting of each year.

761. The Committee shall meet quarterly.

762. The Committee may send a delegate to each of the London First, the London Second, and the Missions' District Meetings.

763. The Committee may nominate one of its members at the April Meeting as a representative on the General Chapel Fund Committee, but his expenses shall be paid by the fund he represents.

How Supported.

764. A collection shall be made annually at each place of worship within the metropolitan area, such collection to be appointed by the September or December Quarterly Meeting of each station ; and shall be remitted to the treasurer before the end of February, and no station which does not make one collection at each chapel for this fund per year shall receive either grant or loan.

765. A public meeting shall be held annually, as far as possible, on each of the metropolitan stations in support of the fund.

766. The annual meeting shall be held in the spring of each year.

767. The fund shall be further supported by annual subscriptions, donations, grants from yearly trustees' meetings, bequests, grants from Connexional Funds, or in any other constitutional manner.

768. Every application for grants or loans must be made on the "Form of Application" provided by the Committee, and it shall be filled up and signed by order of the trustees' meeting and station Quarterly Meeting and forwarded to the District Building Committee for its opinion thereon.

MANCHESTER CHAPEL EXTENSION FUND.

769. The fund shall be managed by a Committee, composed of the Principal of the College, the superintendent ministers, and two laymen for each of the Manchester stations. The said laymen shall be elected by their respective March Quarterly Meetings.

770. The Manchester stations are desired to make an annual collection at each place of worship, and in other ways to support the fund as they may be able. The Committee shall have authority to appeal for subscriptions within the district.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT CHAPEL AND SCHOOL EXTENSION FUND.

Object.

771. This fund is established to aid stations to secure sites, erect chapels and schools, and to help needy trust estates to reduce their liabilities, by grants, or loans without interest.

How Supported.

772. A collection shall be made annually in each place of worship in the district; such collection to be remitted to the treasurer not later than February 28th each year.

773. By grants from trustees' Yearly Meetings, annual subscriptions, donations, bequests, and other constitutional means.

774. A public meeting shall be held each year in some part of the district, as shall be determined by the Committee, when the claims of the fund shall be advocated, and a collection made on its behalf.

Management.

775. It shall be managed by the District Building Committee.

776. No trust estate shall receive either a grant or loan which does not make a collection for this fund yearly, nor shall a grant or loan be made to trustees who do not make proper efforts to reduce their liabilities.

777. All grants from this fund shall be made only on the condition that the trustees shall beg or give such a percentage of their outlay as the Committee shall decide ; and if the grant is not claimed within three years from the date of promise, it shall lapse.

778. All loans from this fund shall be made only on the condition that the trustees obtaining the loan shall pay all the expenses connected herewith, and shall sign a bond pledging themselves to repayment in equal half-yearly instalments extending over a period of not more than ten years.

779. Every application to this fund, whether for a grant or loan, shall be made on the form provided by the Committee ; it must be filled up and approved by a trustees' meeting, and by the Quarterly Meeting of the station, whose minute on the case shall be recorded on the form. All applications must be duly filled up and signed and sent to the secretary at least seven days before the Committee meets.

Institutions.**PUBLISHING HOUSE.**

780. The Publishing House belongs to the Conference. It is established for the production and sale of our Connexional Hymnals, Books, Magazines, and other periodicals.

781. It is under the management of a Book Committee annually appointed by Conference, which shall consist of twenty members, including the General Book Steward, Vice-Book Steward, Ex-Book Steward, Editor and Vice-Editor, General Committee Secretary, General Missionary Secretary, and Sunday School Union Secretary for the time being, together with twelve other persons to be freely elected by ballot in Conference, and four of whom shall retire each year, but shall be eligible for re-election. The number of attendances of each member of the Committee shall be incorporated in the Committee's report to Conference.

782. The General Book Steward and the station book-stewards are amenable to the Book Committee for their official conduct as stewards, and the Editor is amenable to it for his editorial conduct.

Duties of the Book Committee.

783. It must manage and exercise supervision over the concerns of the Publishing House from Conference to Conference. It must, with the aid of the General Committee, Missionary Committee, General Sunday School, and other Committees, prepare and issue suitable forms to meet all Connexional requirements.

784. It may prepare and send legislation to Conference. (See Rule 62.)

785. It is empowered to reject any book sent to the Publishing House for sale, should it deem its price above

market value, or if its literary character, or workmanship be such as would be discreditable to it.

786. It must arrange for the portraits of the ministers to be taken for the "Aldersgate," according to their seniority in the itinerancy, but the portrait of the President of Conference shall appear in the January number.

a. In order to secure good portraits, the General Book Steward shall be supplied with first-class cabinet photos, suitable for reproduction.

b. The sum of ten shillings may be allowed to each person whose portrait is taken for the frontispiece of the Magazine, to defray the expenses incurred in obtaining the photograph and in its transmission to the General Book Steward.

787. The portrait of the chairman of the metropolitan Missionary Meeting, or that of a layman who has been an office-bearer during the whole of the preceding twenty years, shall be inserted yearly in the "Aldersgate."

Duties of the General Book-steward.

788. The General Book Steward shall be responsible for all the books received into the Publishing House, the furniture, and all account-books, papers, and money belonging to the establishment.

789. He must give a bond to the Conference, which shall be signed by himself and two responsible bondsmen, the amount to be fixed by the Book Committee.

790. He must so manage the affairs of the Publishing House as to cause the printers, binders, and other tradesmen doing business with him to supply all goods, at such times and prices, as shall be required by existing contracts.

791. He must execute the orders of the station book-stewards from month to month ; keep correct and clear

accounts of his official transactions ; and direct the correspondence with the station book-stewards on the affairs of their book-stewardship.

792. He may send to any station a second monthly parcel when he deems it needful, and shall pay the carriage thereof when the net value is over £3.

793. When desired, he may send parcels of requisites, rewards, etc., direct to Sunday Schools, but in no case must he send congregational Hymnals or Magazines at less than the usual retail prices.

794. He must draw up such forms for the station book-stewards as will enable them to make their remittances as rule requires.

795. He must, before the March Quarterly Meetings, send to each home station two station report forms.

796. At the end of every year he shall prepare a balance-sheet of his accounts and a report of the transactions of the Publishing House. The balance-sheet shall be submitted to the auditors for their examination, and on being duly attested and signed shall be forwarded with the report to the Conference.

797. All necessary assistance for packing the monthly parcels, and for doing the daily business of the establishment, shall be obtained by the General Book Steward, and as he is responsible to the Conference for the property of the Publishing House, the choice of his employés shall be with himself, the Book Committee having supervision only of the need of their services and the wages they shall be paid.

798. He shall not advertise any work published by any of our ministers until furnished by the author, or by the secretary of a Literature Committee, with a copy of the minute sanctioning the publication.

799. In November of each year he shall send to all our Sunday Schools a catalogue of the books sold at the Publishing House, and the schools are required to select their books therefrom.

800. He shall not permit any author or proprietor to deposit in the Publishing House any sheets or other unsaleable property.

801. He shall fully insure the stock and premises, and the establishment shall be responsible for the commission goods deposited therein, estimated at the cost of production.

802. He shall acknowledge the remittances from the station book-stewards within four days after their arrival.

803. He shall provide a Book-stall at the Conference for advertising, exhibiting, and selling our hymnals, literature, Sunday School, Christian Endeavour and Band of Hope requisites, and such other goods as are sold at the Publishing House.

804. He shall have authority to allow 25 per cent. on Reward Books and School requisites (except net books) ordered from our Reward catalogues but not on School Bibles, Magazines, and Congregational Hymnals, and he may allow the station book steward 10 per cent. on such orders, and 5 per cent. on P.S.A. Prizes, when these goods are ordered by, and paid for by him, according to Regulation 14 and sections; but nothing shall be allowed on goods ordered by and sent direct to schools and other persons, though they may reside within the precincts of the station, except by special arrangement with the General Book Steward.

805. He shall have authority to send sample parcels of rewards (carriage paid) to any school desirous of making its selection on condition the books are returned undamaged, and the school pays carriage on the returns.

806. With the station book-stewards he must observe the bye-laws contained in the printed Publishing House regulations for book-stewards, sanctioned by the Conference.

Duties of Station Book-stewards.

807. The superintendent preacher of each station is its book steward, and is responsible for all the goods sent to him according to rule.

808. He shall allow his colleagues books for their own use, and those for local preachers and Sunday Schools, at cost price ; he may charge 5 per cent. on the cost price of other books which they sell ; and they shall be responsible to him for all the books which they shall receive from him.

809. Non-superintendent ministers can have monthly accommodation magazine parcels by arrangement with the station book-stewards. These parcels shall be sent carriage paid when the quarterly value of each parcel is above £5 ; when under that sum the said ministers must pay half the cost of carriage.

810. He shall allow not less than twenty per cent. discount to our local preachers on all new books bought by them through our Publishing House for their own libraries, except the Magazines and the congregational Hymnals.

a. All goods under the value of 1s. must be paid for when ordered. Monthly and special parcels must be paid for every three months, when the statement is rendered.

b. Should a school treasurer lose money by paying for Publishing House goods he must be repaid from the schools funds.

811. The station book-steward and his colleagues must diligently promote the sale of our Magazines and Hymnals ; but they shall not sell them at any other price than that named in the Publishing House catalogue, but it is recommended that an allowance of at least 10

per cent. be made on magazines to those schools and agents who take the responsibility of the delivery of our monthly publications provided payment is made quarterly or on delivery of the same, as such a course is helpful to the sale of our literature.

812. He must send a remittance quarterly for all goods in time to arrive at the Publishing House on or before the 30th of March, June, September, and December ; in no case must he leave more than the fraction of £1 as balance owing at the end of any quarter, and he must send the whole balance of his book accounts in time to reach the General Book-steward on or before the 30th of March and June in each year. Should he neglect to do this, a statement of his case must be forwarded to the Conference by the General Book-steward.

Colonial Book-stewards.

813. The General Book-steward of any Colonial district to whom books are consigned shall be responsible for all goods sent him, and he shall give a bond to the Conference if required to do so.

814. Each station in Colonial districts shall have a station Book-steward, who shall be supplied with goods on such terms as may be arranged with the Colonial General Book-steward.

Duties of the Connexional Editor.

815. He must edit copy for the Magazines, so as to give satisfaction to the Book Committee and the Conference.

816. He must prudently edit and abridge such memoirs as are submitted to him for insertion in the Magazines. The writers of memoirs are requested to send only a record of such salient facts as can be pre-

sented in tabulated form, excepting in the case of such persons as may have been of greatly outstanding piety or usefulness.

817. The Editor shall insert in the magazines the approved articles generally, according to the priority of their arrival ; and he must preserve the manuscript of every article for six months after its appearance in print, so that if the Book Committee receive any complaints respecting it within this time, he may justify his action.

818. He must, before a new edition of the Hymnal shall be published, read every proof-sheet furnished by the printer, mark and correct every typographical error or defect, so as to secure correct publication.

819. He must assist the General Book-steward and the Book Committee to prepare for the press every book, tract, and paper published under the authority of the Book Committee, and must read and correct every proof-sheet thereof.

820. He must review such publications as shall be sent to him for the purpose by the General Book-steward, and may review such others as shall be sent from publishers or authors ; and the copies received by him shall be his property.

Regulations affecting Authors and Others.

821. When an author has prepared a work with the design of its being issued by our Publishing House, or with a title, preface, or introduction likely to lead persons to believe it to be so authorised, it shall be presented to one, but not to more than one, of our District Literature Committees for examination, or to the Book Committee.

a. Should he deem himself improperly treated by a committee and unable to gain redress therefrom, he may complain to the General Committee, and, if still dissatisfied, he may appeal to the Conference.

b. He must, in applying for sanction to publish, state whether he has sought the sanction of any other Literature Committee; and, if he has, the work shall be returned without examination.

c. He must, whether sanction be obtained or not, pay all reasonable expenses incurred by the Committee in attending to his application.

822. When a work has been sanctioned by a Committee, it may be published and sold by our General Book Steward; and, on each copy sold by him, twenty per cent. must be charged on the wholesale price for the Publishing House, in addition to the usual twenty-five per cent. for the station book-stewards, and thirteen copies as twelve when required to be placed on our prize catalogue.

823. If a work has already appeared in one of our Connexional serials, it may be re-published and sold by the General Book Steward, on the same terms, without the author submitting it to any of the District Literature Committees; but in every such case he must come to an understanding with the General Book Steward.

824. When the publication of a work has been conditionally sanctioned, the author must either comply with the stated conditions, or refrain from publishing his work with a title, preface, or introduction that would in any way lead the public to receive the work as authorised.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

THE HARTLEY COLLEGE AT MANCHESTER.

Object.

825. The object of this College is to assist young men in preparing for the ministry, by affording them such instruction as is essential to qualify them for their duties as Primitive Methodist Ministers.

Management.

826. It shall be managed by a Committee appointed by the Conference in harmony with the Trust Deed, and constituted as follows :—

(1) The President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Conference, the College Trustees, the Officers and full Tutors, the Ex-Principals, the Vice-Principal, the Students' Examining Committee, together with the Secretaries of the Candidates' Examining Committee, the Probationers' Examining Committee, the General Committee, and the General Missionary Committee.

(2) Representatives from Districts. Representatives nominated by the Districts, at the rate of one for each 3,000 members, except that Districts with fewer than 3,000 members shall nominate one member for the Committee.

(3) Additional representation from Districts contiguous to the College, namely, Manchester 10, Liverpool 5, Tunstall 3, Leeds and York 3, Bradford and Halifax 3, Sheffield 3, Nottingham 3; to be nominated by their respective District Meetings.

(4) Four other persons, each year nominated by the Committee, if it so desire.

As the College Deed requires that one-third of the Committee must retire annually, the District nominees shall be distributed over the three years, and the Secretary of the College Committee shall intimate to each General Committee Delegate, prior to District Meeting in each year, how many representatives, if any, his District is entitled to nominate for the year.

827. The Committee shall meet monthly. The meetings held in February, May, August, and November shall be termed Quarterly Meetings. Each member of the Committee shall be informed of the business to be brought before the Quarterly Meeting.

a. A record of the attendance of the members of the Committee shall be kept and a report thereof sent to the District Meetings respectively concerned.

828. The Principal, Tutors, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be nominated by the Committee, but the appointment shall always be made by the Conference.

829. The Committee shall have power to remove any officer for incompetency or improper conduct, and to supply his place till the next Conference ; but in all cases of dispute, appeals may be made to the General Committee.

830. The Committee shall appoint the Principal and some other representative to attend the Conference, and supply such information as may be necessary respecting the students and the working of the College, and shall pay their expenses. It must forward to the Conference a report of its proceedings, with a balance-sheet of its accounts.

831. The Principal shall have under his supervision the health, morals, religious interests, preaching and other appointments of the students, and the general superintendence of the College. All questions affecting the personal character and conduct of students shall be decided by the Committee ; but cases of manifest inefficiency and inaptitude for ministerial work shall be reported to Conference, with the opinion of the Committee thereon. The right to dismember a student shall remain with the station to which he belongs.

832. The Principal's wife shall be the Matron, and shall have supervision of the household arrangements, management of servants, and custody of stores and furniture. Both Principal and Matron shall be responsible to the Committee for the proper discharge of their duties. But in the event of its being impossible, from any cause whatever, to carry out the former part of this regulation as it relates to the Matron, the College Committee shall have power to make such appointment as will meet the circumstances of the case.

833. The treasurer shall act under the direction of the Committee, and shall present his accounts with vouchers to the appointed auditors.

834. The secretary shall enter all the minutes of the Committee, and conduct the correspondence.

835. The College Committee shall forward to each Conference a report of the College for the past year, and may send legislation to the Conference. (See Rule 62.)

Curriculum for Students.

836. The Curriculum shall include the following subjects :—

a. First year's Students :—Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, including Homiletics, Logic, English Essays, Greek (N.T.), Hebrew, O.T. Exegesis, N.T. Exegesis, N.T. Theology, N.T. Introduction, O.T. Introduction, O.T. Introduction, O.T. Theology, History of Doctrine.

b. Second year's Students :—Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, including Homiletics, Psychology, English Essays, Greek, Hebrew, O.T. Introduction, O.T. Exegesis, O.T. Theology, N.T. Introduction, N.T. Theology, History of Doctrine, N.T. Exegesis, and N.T. Theology.

c. Third year's Students :—Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, including Homiletics, O.T. Introduction, O.T. Exegesis, N.T. Exegesis, N.T. Theology, History of Doctrine, Greek, Hebrew, Essays, Philosophy, Political Economy and Sociology, Comparative Religion.

837. Students who have graduated or matriculated at a University, or who may in the opinion of the Tutors be sufficiently advanced in any of the subjects

specified, may be exempted from the study thereof, and have such others substituted as may be deemed most important.

838. The tutorial arrangements shall be as follow :—

a. The Principal shall teach Pastoral Theology, Homiletics, and Church Government.

b. The Tutors shall teach Old and New Testament Introduction, Old and New Testament Exegesis, Old and New Testament Theology, History of Doctrine, Hebrew, Greek, etc.

Students.

839. No person shall be admitted as a student unless he is a local preacher, and has been recommended by the Quarterly Meeting of the station to which he belongs, by the Candidates' Examining Committee and the Conference, and his credential has been forwarded through the Principal of the College, to the superintendent minister of the station with which the College is associated.

840. On entering the College each student shall be required to sign a document stating (1) Whether he offers himself for Home, Colonial, or Foreign work. (2) That should he leave our ministry within six years of his entrance on probation he will pay to the Committee the sum of £15 for each year, or part of a year, which he has spent at College.

841. Students must remain in the College three years except in special cases. The fees for each student shall be £15 per annum for the first and second years, which shall be paid half-yearly in advance. The fees for the third year are met by Conference. Students who take an Arts or Divinity Course in Manchester University, shall be permitted to remain at the College for an extended term.

842. Half-yearly examinations of the students shall be conducted in December and May by Examiners appointed by the Conference. Arrangements as to the method of conducting the examinations shall be made by the Tutors, Examiners, and the College Committee.

843. At the end of each year each student's record shall come under review by the staff and the Examining Committee acting together and, subject to the approval of the College Committee, only those men shall be recommended, either for entrance into stations or return to College, who in point of character, amenableness to discipline, preaching gifts, general ministerial fitness and efficiency in their studies, shall be deemed satisfactory.

844. Students shall not be appointed to stations before the end of their term without the concurrence of both the General Committee and the College Committee.

845. Any student in Hartley College who prior to, or during his residence there, shall graduate, and in addition shall by the close of his College Course have passed the Examination for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in the University of Manchester or any other recognised University in the United Kingdom, shall have his term of probation reduced by one year.

a. A similar reduction of probation shall be granted to a student who during his residence in Hartley College shall pursue medical studies, and shall by the close of his College Course have passed all the examinations which qualify for a degree in Medicine.

b. It shall be an instruction to the Stationing Committee to make arrangements for such students in connection with the applications for relief which come before it and the Conference.

Maintenance.

846. In addition to students' fees, the College shall be supported by grants from Connexional funds, donations and legacies. (See Rules 695, 699.)

THE ORPHAN HOMES.

847. These institutions are for the fatherless and orphan children of Primitive Methodists and such other children as may be in needy circumstances.

848. The children eligible to be admitted must not, in ordinary circumstances, be under five, nor above the age of ten years ; they must not be diseased, deformed, or infirm.

849. All nominations must be made through station Quarterly Meetings (upon forms to be obtained from the General Secretary), and approved by District Meetings or District Committees ; but the election of each orphan is (except in specially urgent cases) with the Orphan Homes' General Committee and the Conference only.

850. The Orphan Homes shall be supported by public collections, private donations, grants from trust estates, and Sunday School funds ; also by bequests and other legal and testamentary arrangements.

851. The Orphan Homes' General Committee is composed of the trustees, and such other persons as the Conference may appoint. The treasurer and secretary are also appointed by Conference.

852. The Management Committees shall be appointed each year by Conference, and shall be composed of such persons as can conveniently attend for the general business of the Homes.

853. There shall be in each District an Orphanages' Committee, with a treasurer and secretary. Each Committee may send a delegate to its District Meeting, whose expenses shall be paid out of the Orphanages fund.

854. The accounts of the Orphan Homes shall be audited and signed each year by the Connexional auditors and published, with a full and detailed report of the work, for general distribution.

HOLBORN HALL.

855. This Hall is vested in the Bourne Trust Corporation, Limited, as trustees on behalf of the Connexion, to be used for the purposes of the Connexion. It is managed by a Committee of seventeen persons, appointed by the Conference, and consisting of the five Connexional officers resident in London, together with twelve other persons, four of whom retire annually, but are eligible for re-election. One of these twelve, at least, shall be the representative appointed by the Bourne Trust Corporation, Limited.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

856. This Company has been established for the benefit of the Connexion and for the insurance of all kinds of Connexional property against destruction by fire or accident to property. The Company also insures against accident to persons within the Connexion. After a reserve fund, sufficient to meet emergencies, has been created, the yearly profits will be handed over to the Conference for distribution amongst embarrassed or needy chapels. At present the operations of the Company are limited to the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands.

a. The Company is established in accordance with "The Companies Acts, 1862 and 1867," and the Articles and Memorandum of Association are registered and printed.

b. Two hundred laymen and ministers rendered themselves each liable for £100, to subscribe a capital of £20,000, with the understanding that they receive no personal benefit from the institution. The directors discharge their duties gratuitously.

c. Being thus constituted and worked for such important objects, it is very desirable that the superior claims of this company upon our trustees and friends should be made as widely known as possible.

d. The ministers are urgently requested to bring the claims of this company before the trustees and officials of their respective stations. On application, the secretary will supply them with forms of proposal and all other needful information.

e. It is presumed that when Connexional property is insured by mortgagees, it will, in many instances, if the matter be prudently placed before them, be possible to obtain their consent to an insurance being effected with this Company.

THE CHAPEL AID ASSOCIATION, LTD.

857. The object of this Association is to enable trustees of Connexional property to obtain loans on easier terms than those on which they can ordinarily secure them ; and to afford them an easy method of gradually reducing their liabilities ; but the Association cannot make an advance to any estate, one-half the cost of which has not been raised.

858. The Association is open to receive loans from £5 and upwards, upon which interest will be regularly paid ; on sums under £20, three per cent. per annum ; on sums of £20 and upwards, three and a half per cent. per annum. The interest will be paid on March 25th each year on sums under £100, and on March 25th and September 25th on sums of £100 and upwards.

859. Loans are advanced to trustees at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. per annum with an arrangement for the repayment of the principal by annual instalments. The interest is payable half-yearly, on March 20th and September 20th. Forms of application for loans may be obtained from the secretary, on sending stamp for postage.

860. The Association is formed in accordance with " The Companies Acts, 1862 to 1888 " ; and the Memorandum and Articles of Association are registered and printed.

861. The Association is not worked for the benefit of the shareholders, but solely in the interests of the trust estates. The directors discharge their duties gratuitously.

862. To persons having money to deposit the Association offers :—(1) Ample security for money placed and easy terms of withdrawal. (2) A fair rate of interest regularly paid. (3) An opportunity of

promoting a very helpful Church work—the reduction of the debt upon our chapel and school property.

863. To trustees the Association offers :—(1) Facility for obtaining loans at moderate interest. (2) Great saving in legal costs for mortgages. (3) An easy method of repaying the principal, and thus clearing off their liability in a few years.

864. As the Association is formed and worked solely for Connexional benefit, it is very desirable that quarterly meetings of stations, ministers, and the officials of our churches generally, should promote the object contemplated by bringing the Association and its work under the consideration of persons likely to become depositors, and thus secure for the directors the support necessary to make the Association an efficient auxiliary in reducing the debts upon our chapel and school property.

865. All necessary information in relation to deposits and advances may be obtained from the secretary.

ELMFIELD COLLEGE, YORK.

866. This College is now held by a Limited Company (which reports annually to Conference). It is for boys. Applications to be made to the Head Master or the Secretary.

The Conference grants £25 annually for a Scholarship to this College, which is called the “Hugh Bourne” Scholarship.

BOURNE COLLEGE—QUINTON, BIRMINGHAM.

867. This College is for boys only. Applications for admission must be made to the Governor, of whom prospectuses may be obtained.

a. The Governor may be nominated by the directors, but the appointment is with the Conference.

b. A report and balance-sheet of this College shall be submitted to the Conference annually.

c. The Conference grants £25 annually for a “Hugh Bourne” Scholarship.

BOURNE TRUST CORPORATION, LTD.

868. This Corporation is registered under the English Joint Stock Companies Acts, and has for its principal object the holding of real and personal property in trust for the Connexion and securing by the best legal means the due control thereof by the Conference.

869. Applications must be made by Quarterly Meetings through the District Building Committees to the secretary of the Corporation, or as Conference may from time to time direct.

**Accounts of Connexional Funds and
Institutions.**

870. The accounts of all Connexional Funds and Institutions shall be audited by persons appointed by the Conference.

Balance Sheets of Connexional Funds.

871. All treasurers of Connexional Funds shall have Balance Sheets prepared and forwarded to the General Committee Secretary in April or as early in May as possible, so that they may be printed in the Conference Agenda and afterwards in the Conference Minutes.

Connexional Officers.

872. The Connexional Officers are the Book Steward, the Editor, the General Committee Secretary, the General Missionary Secretary, the General Sunday School Union Secretary, the Financial Secretary, and the Principal of the Hartley College.

a. The office of Financial Secretary is held jointly with that of Secretary of the Church Extension Fund, the General Chapel Fund, the Chapel Loan Fund, and the Legal Defence Fund.

873. The Conference shall choose the persons most suitable for these offices from among the ministers who

shall have travelled, at the time of election, twenty years at least, but no one shall be deemed eligible for any of these offices whose health is unlikely to bear the duties thereof.

874. Each Conference shall appoint not later than the Wednesday in the second week of its sittings, and before the final draft of the stations is issued, from among those persons deemed eligible, whether nominated or not, a vice-officer for each of the forenamed offices, who shall, in case of necessity, be called into office during the year by the committee to which he will be subordinate.

a. A Committee shall be appointed consisting of two representatives from each Home District, one minister and one layman respectively, who shall be chosen by the District Meeting from the delegates elected to attend the Conference, a representative of the permanent members of Conference, together with the President, the General Committee Secretary, and the Connexional officer or officers whose office is being vacated if he or they are members of Conference. This Committee shall, on the second day of the Conference, consider the nominations made by the District Meetings and Conference for any vice-officer where there is a vacancy, and shall select from the list not more than three names to be submitted to the Conference, on which the vote of Conference shall be taken.

875. Each of these officers shall be removable from his office by any Conference, and his term of office shall finish at the end of the fifth year from the time of his entering upon his appointment. No person who has held any of these offices, and has been removed therefrom, shall be re-elected to any of them till the end of five years from the time of his removal.

876. Any Quarterly Meeting, District Committee, District Meeting, the General Committee and Sunday School Union Committee, or any member of the Conference shall be at liberty to nominate any qualified person to fill any Connexional office; but the appointments shall be made in open Conference.

877. On the removal of any one of them, if the Conference be satisfied with his official services, it shall

record a resolution to this effect in its journal, and cause it to appear among the minutes to be next published.

878. The salaries of all Connexional Officers and Secretaries of Institutions shall be determined by the Conference not later than Wednesday in the second week of its sittings and not by Committees, Trustees or Boards of Management.

879. On his leaving office and being appointed to a station, a Connexional officer shall be paid removal expenses as per section *c*, Rule 701.

880. The principle of a five years' term of office shall also apply to the following Treasurers and Secretaries of Connexional Funds and Committees :—

Connexional Fund—Treasurer.

S.M.W. and O. Fund—Treasurer and Secretary.

Local Preachers' Aid Fund—Treasurer and Secretary.

General Sunday School Union—Treasurer.

Bible Reading Union—Treasurer and Secretary.

London Chapel and School Extension Fund—Treasurer and Secretary.

Education Committee—Treasurer and Secretary.

Local Preachers' Training Council—Treasurer and Secretary.

Orphan Homes—Treasurer and Secretary.

General Chapel Fund—Treasurer.

Chapel Loan Fund—Treasurer.

Legal Defence Fund—Treasurer.

George Lamb Memorial Fund—Treasurer.

Hartley College—Secretary.

Probationers' Examination Committee—Secretary.

Candidates' Examination Committee—Secretary.

Students' Examining Committee—Secretary.

Young People's Missionary Department—Secretary.

a. The Treasurership of the Missionary, Sustentation and Church Extension Funds, and of the Hartley College, shall be exempt from the operation of the above rule.

3. The respective Committees for these Funds and Institutions shall determine the date of retirement of the present holders of the offices mentioned, but none shall hold office after 1915, except the Treasurer of the Connexional Fund, who shall continue till 1916, and General Sunday School Union Treasurer 1917.

Connexional Education Committee.

881. The Connexional Education Committee shall watch the interests of our Church as they are affected by the different phases of the Education Question, and take any action that may seem desirable. It shall be appointed annually by the Conference and shall meet when and where it may be deemed most appropriate. The District Committees shall be the Education Committees for their respective Districts, and if necessary, a separate secretary shall be appointed for the District Education Committee.

NEW ZEALAND.

882. Permission having been given to our churches in New Zealand to unite with the Methodist Church of that Dominion, and that Union being expected to be consummated in 1913, the Rules relating to New Zealand have not been reprinted here, but will be found as under:—

See *Consolidated Minutes*, 1902, pp. 167-174, with *Conference Minutes*, 1903-1912.

The United States of America.

883. The Primitive Methodists in the United States of America have become a separate community, over which the English Conference has no jurisdiction, but with which the English Conference is glad to maintain friendly and fraternal relations.

Letters.

884. All letters on Connexional business must be prepaid ; and when an answer is asked for, a postage stamp must be enclosed.

885. All letters and documents having reference to moral character, the re-admission or separation of official members, and all complaints and appeals, or any official documents whatever if sent through the post shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope.

886. Unpost-paid and anonymous letters sent to an official assembly must not be read thereat.

887. All letters to official assemblies must be directed according to the addresses of the stations or offices published in the Annual Minutes of Conference.

888. All replies to letters sent from the District Meetings, intended for the Conference, must be posted to the General Committee Secretary within ten days from the date of the letters to be answered.

889. When an official meeting is written to on different subjects, each subject must be stated on separate sheets of paper.

Complaints and Appeals.*Definitions.*

890. A complaint is a charge preferred by one person against another, or by several against one or more persons, before an official meeting with a view to an investigation.

891. An appeal is an application to a higher official court to re-hear a case tried by a lower one, when the person or persons appealing are dissatisfied with the decision.

892. A personal complaint or appeal is one that is made by one person about an offence committed against himself only by another person.

893. A common complaint or appeal is one that is made by one person about an offence with which he has cause to be aggrieved in common with others. Moreover, it is common when it comes from several persons or from an official meeting, against one person, against several persons, or against an official meeting.

General Instructions.

894. For general disciplinary purposes, when a trespass or fault does not specially relate to one offending member against another, an official assembly may institute an investigation concerning one or more of its offending members present; or, it may appoint an investigation to take place respecting members who are absent, or official courts that are amenable to it; and it may appoint the persons who shall make the investigation, the place where, the time when, and the way in which the investigation shall be made.

895. No official court must decide on a case without hearing the defendant's side of it, as well as that of the plaintiff, unless he shall refuse to be heard in the way appointed by the meeting.

896. No official court must allow a person to propose, second, or support by his vote, any proposition respecting a case in which he is either the plaintiff or the defendant. This rule applies to both personal and common complaints and appeals.

897. When an official meeting cannot settle a case of complaint or appeal without appointing a delegation to investigate it in the neighbourhood where it exists, it may appoint such delegation, making provision for the payment of the expenses.

898. Official assemblies to which complaints and appeals shall be first made, must, whenever possible, settle them without referring them to higher courts. But a lower court may transfer a case of peculiar difficulty to the next higher one, without passing judg-

ment upon it, or to the next higher but one, when the next higher is not sitting or likely soon to sit. When it thus transfers a case, it must supply all the facts and documents relating thereto, say why the transfer is made, and state its readiness to render any aid it can towards the investigation.

899. A higher court may cite the assistance of a lower ; and the citation must be respectfully complied with. A higher court may return a transferred case to the next lower one ; or it may transfer a new case to the next lower, when the lower one is better circumstanced for taking it up.

900. The Conference, which is the highest Con-nexional court, may devolve a complaint or an appeal to the General Committee, with all needful instructions, when for want of time or evidence it cannot adjudicate upon it.

901. The General Committee may, for the reasons in previous rule, devolve a case to the District Meeting of the District in which it occurred, giving such meeting all the information in its power.

902. When a court has to investigate a complaint or an appeal, the plaintiff of which lives in another jurisdiction, it may ask the authorities of the other jurisdiction for such information as may aid the investigation.

903. When a court shall have a case to which no rule is directly, or by implication, applicable, it must adjudicate upon it to the best of its judgment.

904. A person who is officially connected with a court which has its executive in a different jurisdiction from that in which he resides is responsible for his official conduct to that court or executive ; but in other respects he is amenable to the authorities of his station.

905. A private member, who is chargeable with a violation of any of our rules, is first amenable to a

leaders' meeting. A preacher or an exhorter is first amenable to the Station Committee or to the Quarterly Meeting, when in session.

906. An official member, chargeable with violating the rules which refer to his official conduct, is first amenable to the meeting of which he is an official member. If this meeting is not likely soon to sit, his case may be laid before the next higher court.

907. When the complaint is against an official meeting it must be laid before the next higher court.

908. When a person is dissatisfied with the adjudication of the official meeting to which he is amenable, he may appeal to the next higher.

909. The highest meeting to which a private member can appeal is the station Quarterly Meeting ; but officials or official courts may carry their appeals from court to court up to the Conference.

910. Any person or party who is dissatisfied with the adjudications of the General Missionary Committee, the General Chapel Fund Committee, Sunday School General Committee, or the Book Committee, may appeal to the General Committee.

911. An appeal sent to the General Committee against a decision passed by a District Committee, or any of the committees above named, must reach that committee within a month from the date of the decision, otherwise the appeal must be returned without being officially examined.

a. An appeal must be returned when it does not reach the Committee a calendar month before the opening of the next District Meeting to which an appellant belongs.

b. When an appellant is likely to be injuriously affected by rule he may send his appeal to the approaching District meeting ; or, if the District Meeting has been held, he may appeal to the Conference.

912. When an appeal is made to a higher court against the decision of an official meeting, no new matter partaking of the character of either charge or

evidence, shall be received and acted upon by the latter meeting. If such matter be introduced, the pending case shall be sent back for reconsideration to the meeting whose decision is appealed against. This rule does not include cases where the higher court has been obliged to collect evidence, either by correspondence or deputation, which the lower meeting neglected or failed to supply.

913. When an official or any station or other court is dissatisfied with a decision of the General Committee on a point of rule, such person or court must submit to the decision until it has been laid before the Conference.

Methods of Procedure.

914. No complaint must be laid before a meeting out of the jurisdiction to which the defendant belongs. A personal complaint can only be preferred through the complainant's Leaders' Meeting, Quarterly Meeting, or Station Committee.

915. One member trespassed against by another must not complain of the offender to an official meeting until he has treated him as our Lord requires in Matthew xviii. 15 and 16, and has failed thereby to gain the offender. An offender living at a considerable distance may be written to, when it is impracticable to have a personal interview.

916. The complainant must engage, in writing, to pay all the expenses of the investigation and the expenses of the appeal or appeals that may ensue, if he be deemed chiefly in fault ; or if he be not chiefly in fault, to pay such a proportion of them as the adjudicating court shall determine.

917. When a complainant or an appellant requests a delegation to investigate a case, he must engage to pay all the attendant expenses, whether he be adjudged guilty or not, provided that the defendant shall refuse to pay the costs, or any proportion of them.

918. A complainant or an appellant must state to the adjudicating meeting all the facts of the case without comment. When his complaint is in writing, he must give the name and address of himself and the defendant, with the offices they hold, if any ; and the document must be properly dated, signed and addressed, prepaid, to the secretary of the meeting for which it is intended.

919. A complainant, an appellant or defendant must frankly answer any reasonable questions which the adjudicating meeting may propose to him for aiding its examination of the case, and must furnish any letters, papers, or documents that may be required.

920. Every appellant must observe the rules laid down for a complainant, so far as they apply in his case.

Penalties.

921. On fixing expenses, the person solely in fault must pay all that has been incurred in settling the case ; but when there are two or more in fault, the costs must be proportioned according to their respective demerits.

922. Any person who refuses to pay the expenses decided upon by the adjudicating court shall suffer such a penalty as the court shall legally inflict ; but if he doubt the legality of the penalty, he may, within a month after he has been apprised of it, appeal against it to the proper authority.

923. A minister refusing to pay the expenses of an action in which he has been found wholly or partially to blame, shall be expelled from the ministry ; an official member so refusing shall cease from office, and when his case is very aggravated he shall be expelled from membership. In the case of an unofficial member, the penalty is expulsion from membership.

924. In case of an appeal from the decision of one official court to a higher, the latter shall ascertain whether any fine or penalty has been levied on the appellant ; if so, and if the higher court be satisfied that the case has been constitutionally investigated by the lower, it shall not entertain the appeal till such fine or penalty has been paid ; but if the higher court believe that the lower one treated the case unconstitutionally, it may entertain the appeal without the fine or penalty having been previously paid.

Places where the Conference has been held

FROM 1820 TO 1912.

(*A preparatory Meeting was held at Nottingham, in August, 1819.*)

1. Hull - - - 1820	32. Yarmouth - - 1851	63. Sheffield - - 1882
2. Tunstall - - 1821	33. Sheffield - - 1852	64. South Shields - 1883
3. Loughborough - 1822	34. York - - - 1853	65. Tunstall - - 1884
4. Leeds - - - 1823	35. Manchester - 1854	66. Reading - - 1885
5. Halifax - - - 1824	36. Hull - - - 1855	67. Derby - - - 1886
6. Sunderland - 1825	37. Darlaston - 1856	68. Scarborough - 1887
7. Nottingham - 1826	38. Cambridge - 1857	69. Liverpool - - 1888
8. Manchester - 1827	39. Doncaster - 1858	70. Bradford - - 1889
9. Tunstall - - 1828	40. Newcastle-on-T 1859	71. Sunderland - 1890
10. Scotter - - - 1829	41. Tunstall - - 1860	72. Northampton - 1891
11. Hull - - - 1830	42. Derby - - - 1861	73. Norwich - - - 1892
12. Leicester - - 1831	43. Sheffield - - 1862	74. Nottingham - 1893
13. Bradford - - 1832	44. Leeds - - - 1863	75. Chester - - - 1894
14. Sunderland - 1833	45. York - - - 1864	76. Edinburgh - - 1895
15. Birmingham - 1834	46. Hull - - - 1865	77. Burnley - - - 1896
16. Tunstall - - 1835	47. Chester - - 1866	78. Manchester - 1897
17. Lynn Regis - 1836	48. Luton - - - 1867	79. Leeds - - - 1898
18. Sheffield - - 1837	49. Sunderland - 1868	80. Grimsby - - - 1899
19. Darlaston - 1838	50. Grimsby - - 1869	81. Bristol - - - 1900
20. Bradford - - 1839	51. Nottingham - 1870	82. Sheffield - - 1901
21. Manchester - 1840	52. Oldham - - - 1871	83. Hull - - - 1902
22. Reading - - - 1841	53. Yarmouth - 1872	84. Newcastle-on-T 1903
23. Newcastle-on-T 1842	54. London - - - 1873	85. Birmingham - 1904
24. Nottingham - 1843	55. Hull - - - 1874	86. Scarborough - 1905
25. Lynn Regis - 1844	56. Leicester - - 1875	87. Manchester - 1906
26. Hull - - - 1845	57. Newcastle-on-T 1876	88. Leicester - - 1907
27. Tunstall - - 1846	58. Scarborough - 1877	89. London - - - 1908
28. Halifax - - - 1847	59. Manchester - 1878	90. Southport - - 1909
29. Leeds - - - 1848	60. Leeds - - - 1879	91. Tunstall - - 1910
30. Sunderland - 1849	61. Grimsby - - 1880	92. Bradford - - 1911
31. Nottingham - 1850	62. Hull - - - 1881	93. Norwich - - 1912

Places where the British District Meetings have been held

FROM 1825 TO 1912.

Tunstall District.

Congleton	-	-	1825	Ludlow	-	-	1855	Hanley	-	-	1884
Wednesbury	-	-	1826	Tunstall	-	-	1856	Crewe	-	-	1885
Oakengates	-	-	1827	Crewe	-	-	1857	Stafford	-	-	1886
Brierley Hill	-	-	1828	Tipton	-	-	1858	Nantwich	-	-	1887
Worcester	-	-	1829	Wrockwardine Wd.	-	-	1859	Tunstall	-	-	1888
Shrewsbury	-	-	1830	Birmingham	-	-	1860	Wellington	-	-	1889
Brinkworth	-	-	1831	Silverdale	-	-	1861	Bradley Green	-	-	1890
Birmingham	-	-	1832	Congleton	-	-	1862	Winsford	-	-	1891
Kidderminster	-	-	1833	Bilston	-	-	1863	Shrewsbury	-	-	1892
Tunstall	-	-	1834	Shrewsbury	-	-	1864	Silverdale	-	-	1893
Macclesfield	-	-	1835	Wrockwardine Wd.	-	-	1865	Leek	-	-	1894
Wrockwardine Wd.	-	-	1836	Bollington	-	-	1866	Whitchurch	-	-	1895
Ludlow	-	-	1837	Hanley	-	-	1867	Hanley	-	-	1896
Coventry	-	-	1838	Birmingham	-	-	1868	Nantwich	-	-	1897
Brierley Hill	-	-	1839	Oswestry	-	-	1869	Macclesfield	-	-	1898
Leominster	-	-	1840	Darlaston	-	-	1870	Tunstall	-	-	1899
Oswestry	-	-	1841	Tunstall	-	-	1871	Market Drayton	-	-	1900
Nantwich	-	-	1842	Ludlow	-	-	1872	Talke	-	-	1901
Newcastle-under-L	-	-	1843	West Bromwich	-	-	1873	Longton	-	-	1902
Shrewsbury	-	-	1844	Market Drayton	-	-	1874	Newcastle-under-L	-	-	1903
Tipton	-	-	1845	Chesterton (Talke)	-	-	1875	Crewe 1st	-	-	1904
Birmingham	-	-	1846	Leek	-	-	1876	Whitchurch	-	-	1905
Wrockwardine Wd.	-	-	1847	Shrewsbury	-	-	1877	Burslem	-	-	1906
Brierley Hill	-	-	1848	Macclesfield	-	-	1878	Nantwich	-	-	1907
Bilston	-	-	1849	Crewe	-	-	1879	Congleton	-	-	1908
Birmingham	-	-	1850	Newcastle-under-L	-	-	1880	Tarporley	-	-	1909
Dawley	-	-	1851	Whitchurch	-	-	1881	Ramsor	-	-	1910
Dudley	-	-	1852	Burslem	-	-	1882	Stoke-on-Trent	-	-	1911
Shrewsbury	-	-	1853	Oswestry	-	-	1883	Leek	-	-	1912
Oswestry	-	-	1854								

Nottingham District.

Nottingham	-	-	1825	Horncastle	-	-	1855	Chesterfield	-	-	1884
Chesterfield	-	-	1826	Nottingham	-	-	1856	Nottingham 4th	-	-	1885
Belper	-	-	1827	Leicester	-	-	1857	Burton-on-Trent 1st	-	-	1886
Sheffield	-	-	1828	Ripley	-	-	1858	Mansfield	-	-	1887
Leicester	-	-	1829	Bottesford	-	-	1859	Church Gresley	-	-	1888
Loughborough	-	-	1830	Nottingham	-	-	1860	Melton Mowbray	-	-	1889
Nottingham	-	-	1831	Loughborough	-	-	1861	Ashby-de-la-Zouch	-	-	1890
Burton	-	-	1832	Melton Mowbray	-	-	1862	Ripley	-	-	1891
Chesterfield	-	-	1833	Boston	-	-	1863	Rugby	-	-	1892
Loughborough	-	-	1834	Leicester	-	-	1864	Ilkeston	-	-	1893
Leicester	-	-	1835	Chesterfield	-	-	1865	Hinckley	-	-	1894
Derby	-	-	1836	Nottingham	-	-	1866	Loughborough	-	-	1895
Youlgrave	-	-	1837	Derby	-	-	1867	Newark	-	-	1896
Belper	-	-	1838	Grantham	-	-	1868	Grantham	-	-	1897
Sutton-in-Ashfield	-	-	1839	Sheffield	-	-	1869	Church Gresley	-	-	1898
Barnsley	-	-	1840	Lincoln	-	-	1870	Long Eaton	-	-	1899
Donington	-	-	1841	Newark	-	-	1871	Wirksworth	-	-	1900
Ilkeston	-	-	1842	Sheffield 2nd	-	-	1872	Sileby	-	-	1901
Boston	-	-	1843	Ripley	-	-	1873	Oakham	-	-	1902
Bottesford	-	-	1844	Leicester 2nd	-	-	1874	Kimberley	-	-	1903
Chesterfield	-	-	1845	Loughborough	-	-	1875	Seafood	-	-	1904
Loughborough	-	-	1846	Derby 1st	-	-	1876	Coalville	-	-	1905
Sheffield	-	-	1847	Rotherham	-	-	1877	Hucknall Torkard	-	-	1906
Derby	-	-	1848	Grantham	-	-	1878	Newark	-	-	1907
Ilkeston	-	-	1849	Lincoln 1st	-	-	1879	Burton 1st	-	-	1908
Belper	-	-	1850	Buxton	-	-	1880	Melton Mowbray	-	-	1909
Leicester	-	-	1851	Derby 2nd	-	-	1881	Ilkeston	-	-	1910
Derby	-	-	1852	Newark	-	-	1882	Mansfield	-	-	1911
Lincoln	-	-	1853	Leicester 3rd	-	-	1883	Ripley	-	-	1912
Loughborough	-	-	1854								

Hull District.

Hull - - -	1825	Doncaster - - -	1855	Filey - - -	1884
York - - -	1826	Grimsby - - -	1856	Goole - - -	1885
Scotter - - -	1827	Swinefleet - - -	1857	Bridlington - - -	1886
Bradford - - -	1828	Louth - - -	1858	Hornsea - - -	1887
Leeds - - -	1829	Pocklington - - -	1859	Pocklington - - -	1888
Pocklington - - -	1830	Hull - - -	1860	Patrington - - -	1889
Grimsby - - -	1831	Goole - - -	1861	Driffield - - -	1890
York - - -	1832	Scarborough - - -	1862	Beverley - - -	1891
Scotter - - -	1833	Barton - - -	1863	Filey - - -	1892
Halifax - - -	1834	Louth - - -	1864	Goole - - -	1893
Swinefleet - - -	1835	Driffield - - -	1865	Selby - - -	1894
Pocklington - - -	1836	Doncaster - - -	1866	Bridlington - - -	1895
Malton - - -	1837	Filey - - -	1867	Hornsea - - -	1896
Scotter - - -	1838	Hull 2nd - - -	1868	Withernsea - - -	1897
Pontefract - - -	1839	Retford - - -	1869	Barton-on-H - - -	1898
Wakefield - - -	1840	Hull 1st - - -	1870	Pocklington - - -	1899
Leeds - - -	1841	Scarborough - - -	1871	Driffield - - -	1900
Bradford - - -	1842	Grimsby 2nd - - -	1872	Beverley - - -	1901
Lincoln - - -	1843	Doncaster 1st - - -	1873	Selby - - -	1902
Driffield - - -	1844	Filey - - -	1874	Goole - - -	1903
Pontefract - - -	1845	Grimsby 1st - - -	1875	Filey - - -	1904
Louth - - -	1846	Scarborough - - -	1876	Hornsea - - -	1905
Scotter - - -	1847	Hull 2nd - - -	1877	Swinefleet - - -	1906
Pocklington - - -	1848	Bridlington - - -	1878	Bridlington - - -	1907
Swinefleet - - -	1849	Louth - - -	1879	Howden - - -	1908
Doncaster - - -	1850	Gainsborough - - -	1880	Patrington - - -	1909
Grimsby - - -	1851	Brigg - - -	1881	North Cave - - -	1910
Louth - - -	1852	Driffield - - -	1882	Pocklington - - -	1911
Scarborough - - -	1853	Doncaster - - -	1883	Filey - - -	1912
Driffield - - -	1854				

Sunderland District.

Ripon - - -	1825	Barnard Castle - - -	1855	Gateshead - - -	1884
Newcastle-on-Tyne - - -	1826	South Shields - - -	1856	West Hartlepool - - -	1885
Sunderland - - -	1827	Darlington - - -	1857	Newcastle 1st - - -	1886
South Shields - - -	1828	Durham - - -	1858	Berwick-on-Tweed - - -	1887
Newcastle-on-Tyne - - -	1829	Carlisle - - -	1859	Chester-le-Street - - -	1888
North Shields - - -	1830	Middlesborough - - -	1860	Hetton - - -	1889
Hexham - - -	1831	Sunderland - - -	1861	Blyth - - -	1890
Darlington - - -	1832	South Shields - - -	1862	Hexham - - -	1891
Newcastle-on-Tyne - - -	1833	Newcastle-on-Tyne - - -	1863	Durham - - -	1892
Sunderland - - -	1834	Hexham - - -	1864	North Shields - - -	1893
Northallerton - - -	1835	North Shields - - -	1865	Shotley Bridge - - -	1894
Westgate - - -	1836	Shotley Bridge - - -	1866	South Shields - - -	1895
Sunderland - - -	1837	Haltwhistle - - -	1867	Gateshead 1st - - -	1896
Darlington - - -	1838	Newcastle-on-Tyne - - -	1868	Newcastle 1st - - -	1897
North Shields - - -	1839	Stockton-on-Tees - - -	1869	Hexham - - -	1898
South Shields - - -	1840	Darlington - - -	1870	Sunderland 2nd - - -	1899
Newcastle-on-Tyne - - -	1841	Crook - - -	1871	Blyth - - -	1900
Durham - - -	1842	Sunderland - - -	1872	Newcastle 2nd - - -	1901
Stockton - - -	1843	Hartlepool - - -	1873	Sunderland 1st - - -	1902
Sunderland - - -	1844	Durham - - -	1874	Jarrow - - -	1903
Shotley Bridge - - -	1845	Old Shildon - - -	1875	Cullercoats - - -	1904
Thirsk - - -	1846	Barnard Castle - - -	1876	Durham - - -	1905
Middlesborough - - -	1847	Spennymoor - - -	1877	Morpeth - - -	1906
South Shields - - -	1848	North Shields - - -	1878	South Shields - - -	1907
Newcastle-on-Tyne - - -	1849	Sunderland 2nd - - -	1879	Blackhill - - -	1908
Hartlepool - - -	1850	Darlington - - -	1880	Gateshead 2nd - - -	1909
North Shields - - -	1851	Middlesborough - - -	1881	Hexham - - -	1910
Westgate - - -	1852	Stanhope (Westgt) - - -	1882	Chester-le-Street - - -	1911
Whitehaven - - -	1853	Carlisle - - -	1883	Sunderland 2nd - - -	1912
Sunderland - - -	1854				

Norwich District.

Fakenham	-	-	1826	Cambridge	-	-	1855	Yarmouth	-	-	1884
Norwich	-	-	1827	Yarmouth	-	-	1856	East Dereham	-	-	1885
Cambridge	-	-	1828	Swaffham	-	-	1857	Ipswich	-	-	1886
Upwell	-	-	1829	Lowestoft	-	-	1858	Lowestoft	-	-	1887
Yarmouth	-	-	1830	Lynn	-	-	1859	Lynn	-	-	1888
North Walsham	-	-	1831	Ipswich	-	-	1860	Watton	-	-	1889
Lynn Regis	-	-	1832	East Dereham	-	-	1861	Yarmouth	-	-	1890
London	-	-	1833	Norwich	-	-	1862	Ely	-	-	1891
Fakenham	-	-	1834	Thetford	-	-	1863	East Dereham	-	-	1892
Yarmouth	-	-	1835	Cambridge	-	-	1864	Colchester	-	-	1893
Mattishall	-	-	1836	Yarmouth	-	-	1865	Wymondham	-	-	1894
Norwich	-	-	1837	Bury St. Edmund's	-	-	1866	Gt. Yarmouth	-	-	1895
Lynn Regis	-	-	1838	Colchester	-	-	1867	Ipswich	-	-	1896
Wisbech	-	-	1839	Lynn	-	-	1868	Martham	-	-	1897
Yarmouth	-	-	1840	Norwich	-	-	1869	Diss	-	-	1898
Lynn Regis	-	-	1841	East Dereham	-	-	1870	Lowestoft	-	-	1899
Rockland St. Peter's	-	-	1842	Lowestoft	-	-	1871	Holt and Sher.	-	-	1900
Norwich	-	-	1843	Downham	-	-	1872	Rockland	-	-	1901
Castle Acre	-	-	1844	Watton	-	-	1873	Aylsham	-	-	1902
Wangford	-	-	1845	Wisbech	-	-	1874	Norwich 3rd	-	-	1903
Stowmarket	-	-	1846	Norwich	-	-	1875	Clacton-on-Sea	-	-	1904
Thetford	-	-	1847	Ipswich	-	-	1876	Beccles	-	-	1905
Outwell	-	-	1848	Great Yarmouth	-	-	1877	Wymondham	-	-	1906
Yarmouth	-	-	1849	King's Lynn	-	-	1878	Harwich	-	-	1907
Norwich	-	-	1850	North Walsham	-	-	1879	Lowestoft	-	-	1908
Wisbech	-	-	1851	Wymondham	-	-	1880	East Dereham	-	-	1909
Swaffham	-	-	1852	Soham (Ely)	-	-	1881	Great Yarmouth	-	-	1910
Yarmouth	-	-	1853	Norwich	-	-	1882	Ipswich	-	-	1911
Lynn	-	-	1854	Cambridge 1st	-	-	1883	Wymondham	-	-	1912

Manchester District.

Manchester	-	-	1828	New Mills	-	-	1857	Haslingden	-	-	1885
Oldham	-	-	1829	Liverpool	-	-	1858	Buxton	-	-	1886
Liverpool	-	-	1830	Oldham	-	-	1859	Stalybridge	-	-	1887
Preston Brook	-	-	1831	Douglas	-	-	1860	Glossop	-	-	1888
Preston	-	-	1832	Glossop	-	-	1861	Oldham 1st	-	-	1889
Siltden	-	-	1833	Northwich	-	-	1862	Bolton 1st	-	-	1890
Manchester	-	-	1834	Chester	-	-	1863	Lymm (Altrincham)	-	-	1891
Stockport	-	-	1835	Haslingden	-	-	1864	Stockport 1st	-	-	1892
Liverpool	-	-	1836	Rochdale	-	-	1865	Leigh	-	-	1893
Huddersfield	-	-	1837	Bury	-	-	1866	Darwen	-	-	1894
Keighley	-	-	1838	Bolton	-	-	1867	Bury	-	-	1895
Preston	-	-	1839	Southport	-	-	1868	Manchester 4th	-	-	1896
Haslingden	-	-	1840	Chorley	-	-	1869	Heywood	-	-	1897
Oldham	-	-	1841	Douglas	-	-	1870	Rochdale	-	-	1898
Douglas	-	-	1842	Woodley (Stockpt)	-	-	1871	Manchester 5th	-	-	1899
Chester	-	-	1843	Lancaster	-	-	1872	Buxton	-	-	1900
Manchester	-	-	1844	Runcorn	-	-	1873	Walkden	-	-	1901
Warrington	-	-	1845	Salford	-	-	1874	Haslingden	-	-	1902
Stockport	-	-	1846	Barrow	-	-	1875	Middleton	-	-	1903
Blackburn	-	-	1847	Birkenhead	-	-	1876	Marple	-	-	1904
Preston	-	-	1848	St. Helens	-	-	1877	Hollingwood	-	-	1905
Haslingden	-	-	1849	Liverpool 1st	-	-	1878	Stockport 3rd	-	-	1906
Stalybridge	-	-	1850	Chester 1st	-	-	1879	Bolton 1st	-	-	1907
Liverpool	-	-	1851	Bacup	-	-	1880	Hyde	-	-	1908
Rochdale	-	-	1852	Manchester 4th	-	-	1881	Manchester 12th	-	-	1909
Douglas	-	-	1853	Oldham 1st	-	-	1882	Buxton	-	-	1910
Preston	-	-	1854	Walkden	-	-	1883	Northwich	-	-	1911
Manchester	-	-	1855	Manchester 2nd	-	-	1884	Woodley	-	-	1912
Haslingden	-	-	1856								

Brinkworth District.

Motcome - - - 1834	Wootton Bassett - 1861	Bournemouth - 1887
Frome - - - 1835	Banbury - - - 1862	Witney - - - 1888
St. Ives - - - 1836	Salisbury - - - 1863	Hungerford - - 1889
Chippenham - - 1837	Gillingham - - - 1864	Oxford - - - 1890
Reading - - - 1838	Winchester - - - 1865	Brinkworth - - - 1891
Wootton Bassett - 1839	Brinkworth - - - 1866	Southampton 1st - 1892
Newbury - - - 1840	Southampton - - 1867	Salisbury - - - 1893
Swansea - - - 1841	Banbury - - - 1868	Swindon - - - 1894
Bristol - - - 1842	Newbury - - - 1869	Andover - - - 1895
Redruth - - - 1843	Aylesbury - - - 1870	Chipping Norton - 1896
Newbury - - - 1844	Wootton Bassett - 1871	Newbury - - - 1897
Frome - - - 1845	Banbury - - - 1872	Cirencester - - - 1898
Wootton Bassett - 1846	Winchester - - - 1873	Banbury - - - 1899
Abersychan - - - 1847	Southampton - - 1874	Malmesbury - - - 1900
Reading - - - 1848	Oxford - - - 1875	Stewkley - - - 1901
Brinkworth - - - 1849	Salisbury - - - 1876	Oxford - - - 1902
Aylesbury - - - 1850	Banbury - - - 1877	Wootton Bassett - 1903
Oxford - - - 1851	Newbury - - - 1878	Cirencester - - - 1904
Wallingford - - - 1852	Swindon - - - 1879	Aylesbury - - - 1905
High Wycombe - - 1853	Oxford - - - 1880	Farringdon - - - 1906
Newbury - - - 1854	Poole - - - 1881	Witney - - - 1907
Wootton Bassett - 1855	Swindon - - - 1882	Hungerford - - - 1908
Witney - - - 1856	Basingstoke - - - 1883	Oxford - - - 1909
Banbury - - - 1857	Salisbury - - - 1884	Swindon - - - 1910
Leamington - - - 1858	Farringdon - - - 1885	Newbury - - - 1911
Southampton - - - 1859	Southampton - - 1886	Wootton Bassett - 1912
Newbury - - - 1860		

Leeds District.

Bradford - - - 1846	Huddersfield - - - 1869	Leeds 1st - - - 1892
Malton - - - 1847	Bradford 1st - - - 1870	Tadcaster - - - 1893
Silsden - - - 1848	Silsden - - - 1871	Malton - - - 1894
York - - - 1849	Leeds 3rd - - - 1872	Normanton - - - 1895
Huddersfield - - - 1850	Malton - - - 1873	Harrogate - - - 1896
Pickering - - - 1851	Shipley - - - 1874	Pontefract - - - 1897
Burnley - - - 1852	Halifax - - - 1875	Ossett - - - 1898
Leeds - - - 1853	Pickering - - - 1876	Pickering - - - 1899
Bradford - - - 1854	Pontefract - - - 1877	Wakefield 1st - - 1900
Thirsk - - - 1855	Harrogate - - - 1878	Easingwold - - - 1901
Malton - - - 1856	Bingley - - - 1879	York 2nd - - - 1902
Keighley - - - 1857	York - - - 1880	Knaresborough - - 1903
Pontefract - - - 1858	Ripon - - - 1881	Pudsey and
Halifax - - - 1859	Keighley 2nd - - 1882	Stanningley 1904
Barnsley - - - 1860	Burnley - - - 1883	Horbury - - - 1905
Wakefield - - - 1861	Halifax 1st - - - 1884	Malton - - - 1906
York - - - 1862	Otley - - - 1885	Tadcaster - - - 1907
Ripon - - - 1863	Dewsbury - - - 1886	Dewsbury - - - 1908
Shipley - - - 1864	Barnsley - - - 1887	Barnsley 2nd - - - 1909
Burnley - - - 1865	Morley - - - 1888	Morley - - - 1910
Pickering - - - 1866	Pickering - - - 1889	Ripon - - - 1911
Dewsbury - - - 1867	York 2nd - - - 1890	Castleford - - - 1912
Otley - - - 1868	Castleford - - - 1891	

Bristol District.

Swansea - - - 1849	Stroud - - - 1854	Bristol - - - 1859
St. Ives - - - 1850	Hereford - - - 1855	Penzance - - - 1860
Bath - - - 1851	Redruth - - - 1856	Swansea - - - 1861
Frome - - - 1852	Swansea - - - 1857	Hereford - - - 1862
Beaufort - - - 1853	Newport (Mon.) - 1858	St. Ives - - - 1863

Bristol District—Continued.

Bath - - -	1864	Hereford - - -	1881	Bath 1st - - -	1897
Frome - - -	1865	Newport - - -	1882	Chippenham - - -	1898
Redruth - - -	1866	Swansea - - -	1883	Radstock - - -	1899
Swansea - - -	1867	Bath - - -	1884	Stroud - - -	1900
Hereford - - -	1868	Penzance - - -	1885	Glastonbury - - -	1901
Pontypool - - -	1869	Chippenham - - -	1886	Bath 2nd - - -	1902
Swansea - - -	1870	Abertillery (Bn. Mr.)	1887	Calne - - -	1903
Lydney - - -	1871	Bristol 2nd - - -	1888	Gloucester - - -	1904
Bristol - - -	1872	Redruth - - -	1889	Frome - - -	1905
Redruth - - -	1873	Calne - - -	1890	Midsomer Norton - - -	1906
Stroud - - -	1874	Frome - - -	1891	Chippenham - - -	1907
Kingswood - - -	1875	Bristol 3rd - - -	1892	Bath 1st - - -	1908
Frome - - -	1876	Exmouth - - -	1893	Calne - - -	1909
St. Austell - - -	1877	St. Austell - - -	1894	Radstock - - -	1910
Bristol - - -	1878	Bristol 6th - - -	1895	Weston-super-Mare	1911
Lydney - - -	1879	Torquay - - -	1896	Gloucester - - -	1912
Cardiff - - -	1880				

London I. District.

London - - -	1854	Northampton - - -	1874	Camden Town - - -	1894
Luton - - -	1855	Bedford - - -	1875	Bedford - - -	1895
Bedford - - -	1856	Portland (Weymouth)	1876	Haverhill - - -	1896
Reading - - -	1857	High Wycombe - - -	1877	Peterborough 2nd - - -	1897
Canterbury - - -	1858	Peterborough - - -	1878	Saffron Walden - - -	1898
Luton - - -	1859	Reading - - -	1879	Luton 1st - - -	1899
Peterborough - - -	1860	Northampton - - -	1880	Leyton - - -	1900
High Wycombe - - -	1861	Ramsgate - - -	1881	Wellingborough - - -	1901
Newport (I.W.) - - -	1862	Caledonian-road - - -	1882	Leighton Buzzard - - -	1902
Northampton - - -	1863	Dunstable - - -	1883	Bedford - - -	1903
Leighton Buzzard - - -	1864	Leighton Buzzard - - -	1884	Dunstable - - -	1904
Bedford - - -	1865	Luton 1st - - -	1885	Newmarket - - -	1905
Reading - - -	1866	Tottenham - - -	1886	Watford - - -	1906
Canterbury - - -	1867	Bedford - - -	1887	Peterborough 1st - - -	1907
Gravesend - - -	1868	Berkhamstead - - -	1888	Southend - - -	1908
Croydon - - -	1869	Dunstable - - -	1889	Haverhill - - -	1909
Luton - - -	1870	Peterborough - - -	1890	Luton 1st - - -	1910
London 2nd - - -	1871	Watford - - -	1891	Bedford - - -	1911
Dunstable - - -	1872	Wellingborough - - -	1892	Berkhamstead - - -	1912
Newport - - -	1873	Leighton Buzzard - - -	1893		

London II. District.

Newport (I.W.) - - -	1883	Ramsgate - - -	1893	Margate - - -	1903
Plumstead (Wich.)	1884	Brighton - - -	1894	Guildford - - -	1904
Maidenhead - - -	1885	Kingston-on-T. - - -	1895	Reading - - -	1905
Croydon - - -	1886	Walworth - - -	1896	Brighton - - -	1906
High Wycombe - - -	1887	Tunbridge Wells - - -	1897	Ramsgate - - -	1907
Portsmouth - - -	1888	Forest Hill - - -	1898	Slough - - -	1908
Surrey Chapel - - -	1889	Maidenhead - - -	1899	Worthing - - -	1909
Reading - - -	1890	Chatham - - -	1900	Penge and Bromley	1910
Redhill - - -	1891	High Wycombe - - -	1901	Tunbridge Wells - - -	1911
Maidstone - - -	1892	Worthing - - -	1902	Dover - - -	1912

West Midland District.

Brierley Hill - - - 1874	Knighton - - - 1887	Knighton - - - 1900
Oldhill - - - 1875	Worcester - - - 1888	Lichfield - - - 1901
Leominster - - - 1876	Oldhill - - - 1889	Leominster - - - 1902
Willenhall - - - 1877	Presteign - - - 1890	Bilston - - - 1903
Presteign - - - 1878	Madeley - - - 1891	Ludlow - - - 1904
Paradise (Coventry) 1879	West Bromwich - - - 1892	Bromsgrove - - - 1905
Walsall (Darlaston) 1880	Brierley Hill - - - 1893	Walsall - - - 1906
Bishop's Castle - - 1881	Ludlow - - - 1894	Coventry 1st - - - 1907
Bilston - - - 1882	Wolverhampton - - 1895	Cradley Heath - - 1908
Ludlow - - - 1883	Worcester - - - 1896	Presteign - - - 1909
Dudley - - - 1884	Birmingham 5th - - 1897	Tipton - - - 1910
Kidderminster - - 1885	Bromyard - - - 1898	Knighton - - - 1911
Birmingham 1st - - 1886	Kidderminster - - 1899	Birmingham 3rd - 1912

North British District.

Glasgow - - - 1877	Paisley - - - 1889	Edinburgh - - - 1901
Paisley - - - 1878	Greenock - - - 1890	Wishaw - - - 1902
Wishaw - - - 1879	Glasgow - - - 1891	Glasgow 5th - - - 1903
Edinburgh - - - 1880	Edinburgh - - - 1892	Glasgow 4th - - - 1904
Greenock - - - 1881	Wishaw - - - 1893	Edinburgh - - - 1905
Edinburgh - - - 1882	Paisley - - - 1894	Wishaw - - - 1906
Tranent - - - 1883	Greenock - - - 1895	Glasgow 1st - - - 1907
Paisley - - - 1884	Motherwell - - - 1896	Glasgow 2nd - - - 1908
Wishaw - - - 1885	Wishaw - - - 1897	Greenock - - - 1909
Glasgow - - - 1886	Glasgow 2nd - - - 1898	Glasgow 3rd - - - 1910
Motherwell - - - 1887	Motherwell - - - 1899	Wishaw - - - 1911
Edinburgh - - - 1888	Paisley - - - 1900	Edinburgh - - - 1912

Liverpool District.

Douglas 2nd - - - 1880	Clitheroe - - - 1891	Blackburn 2nd - - 1902
Fleetwood - - - 1881	Fleetwood - - - 1892	Runcorn - - - 1903
Southport - - - 1882	Southport 2nd - - 1893	Barrow-in-Furness - 1904
Blackpool - - - 1883	Ramsey - - - 1894	Morecambe - - - 1905
Buckley - - - 1884	Buckley - - - 1895	Douglas - - - 1906
Blackburn 1st - - 1885	Dalton-in-F. - - - 1896	St. Helens - - - 1907
Birkenhead (Gr. L.) 1886	Southport 1st - - 1897	Warrington - - - 1908
Preston 1st - - - 1887	Foxhill Bank & Acc. 1898	Fleetwood - - - 1909
Chester 1st - - - 1888	Chester 2nd - - - 1899	Wrexham - - - 1910
Blackpool - - - 1889	Wigan - - - 1900	Laxey - - - 1911
Douglas - - - 1890	Lancaster - - - 1901	Blackpool - - - 1912

Sheffield District.

Sheffield 2nd - - - 1885	Chesterfield 1st - - 1895	Doncaster 1st - - 1904
Matlock Bank - - - 1886	Alfreton - - - 1896	Rotherham 1st - - 1905
Sheffield 5th - - - 1887	Matlock - - - 1897	Belper - - - 1906
Retford - - - 1888	Clay Cross - - - 1898	Chesterfield 2nd - 1907
Chesterfield 1st - - 1889	Doncaster 1st - - 1899	Mexborough - - - 1908
Mexborough - - - 1890	Hoyland - - - 1900	Retford - - - 1909
Belper - - - 1891	Chesterfield 1st - - 1901	Chesterfield 3rd - 1910
Doncaster 1st - - - 1892	Mexborough - - - 1902	Worksop - - - 1911
Rotherham - - - 1893	Alfreton - - - 1903	Sheffield 3rd - - - 1912
Worksop - - - 1894		

Grimsby and Lincoln District.

Lincoln 1st - - - 1885	Lincoln 1st - - - 1895	Winterton - - - 1904
Boston - - - 1886	Horncastle - - - 1896	Skegness - - - 1905
Gainsborough - 1887	Grimsby 1st - - - 1897	Scunthorpe - - - 1906
Brigg - - - 1888	Crowle - - - 1898	Brigg - - - 1907
Louth - - - 1889	Boston - - - 1899	Spalding - - - 1908
Cleeth'pes (Grims 2) 1890	Scotter - - - 1900	Lincoln 1st - - - 1909
Market Rasen - 1891	Louth - - - 1901	Epworth - - - 1910
Scunthorpe - - - 1892	Donington - - - 1902	Horncastle - - - 1911
Skegness - - - 1893	Gainsborough - 1903	Market Rasen - - 1912
Spalding - - - 1894		

Darlington and Stockton District.

Bishop Auckland - 1886	Middlesborough - 1895	Bishop Auckland - 1904
Stockton-on-Tees - 1887	Staithes - - - 1896	Whitby - - - 1905
Middleton-in-T. - 1888	Middleton-in-T. - 1897	West Hartlepool - 1906
Whitby - - - 1889	Hartlepool - - - 1898	Redcar - - - 1907
Brotton (Guisbro) - 1890	Darlington - - - 1899	Shildon - - - 1908
Barnard Castle - 1891	Crook - - - 1900	Guisborough - - - 1909
Shildon - - - 1892	Stokesley - - - 1901	Barnard Castle - 1910
Westgate - - - 1893	Stockton - - - 1902	Salburn-by-the-Sea 1911
Spennymoor - - - 1894	Stanhope - - - 1903	Spennymoor - - - 1912

Carlisle and Whitehaven District.

Penrith - - - 1886	Alston - - - 1895	Brampton - - - 1904
Kendal - - - 1887	Cockermouth - - 1896	Maryport - - - 1905
Workington - - - 1888	Wigton - - - 1897	Alston - - - 1906
Kirkby Stephen - 1889	Penrith - - - 1898	Cockermouth - - - 1907
Whitehaven - - - 1890	Workington - - - 1899	Wigton - - - 1908
Haltwhistle - - - 1891	Kirkby Stephen - 1900	Carlisle - - - 1909
Kendal - - - 1892	Whitehaven - - - 1901	Workington - - - 1910
Maryport - - - 1893	Haltwhistle - - - 1902	Kirkby Stephen - 1911
Carlisle - - - 1894	Kendal - - - 1903	Whitehaven - - - 1912

Bradford and Halifax District.

Bradford 2nd - - - 1887	Shipley - - - 1896	Ripon - - - 1905
Silsden - - - 1888	Thirsk - - - 1897	Halifax 1st - - - 1906
Nelson (Barrowfd.) 1889	Heckmondwike - 1898	Otley - - - 1907
Brighouse (Sowerby) 1890	Burnley 2nd - - - 1899	Nelson - - - 1908
Ripon - - - 1891	Bradford 4th - - - 1900	Silsden - - - 1909
Halifax 2nd - - - 1892	Sowerby Bridge - 1901	Huddersfield - - 1910
Huddersfield - - - 1893	Keighley 1st - - - 1902	Otley - - - 1911
Colne - - - 1894	Clayton West - - 1903	Halifax 3rd - - - 1912
Skipton - - - 1895	Bingley - - - 1904	

South Wales District.

Pontypool - - - 1889	Brynmaur - - - 1897	Rhondda - - - 1905
Hereford - - - 1890	Abertillery - - - 1898	Swansea - - - 1906
Cross Keys - - - 1891	Aberdare - - - 1899	Pontypool - - - 1907
Aberdare - - - 1892	Tredegarr - - - 1900	Cross Keys - - - 1908
Newport (Mon.) - 1893	Hereford - - - 1901	Hereford - - - 1909
Cardiff 2nd - - - 1894	Blaenavon - - - 1902	Cardiff 1st - - - 1910
Swansea - - - 1895	Brynmaur - - - 1903	Pillawell - - - 1911
Pillawell - - - 1896	Newport - - - 1904	Newport - - - 1912

Lynn and Cambridge District.

Bury St. Edmund's 1892	Swaffham - - - 1899	Wisbech - - - 1906
Cambridge 1st - - - 1893	King's Lynn - - - 1900	Fakenham - - - 1907
Thetford - - - 1894	Soham - - - 1901	Heacham - - - 1908
Wells - - - 1895	Watton - - - 1902	Bury St. Edmund's 1909
Wisbech - - - 1896	Cambridge 2nd - - - 1903	Ely - - - 1910
Downham - - - 1897	Thetford - - - 1904	Fakenham - - - 1911
Fakenham - - - 1898	St. Ives - - - 1905	King's Lynn - - - 1912

Salisbury and Southampton District.

Motcombe - - - 1894	Romsey - - - 1901	Bournemouth - - - 1907
Weymouth - - - 1895	Portsmouth 1st - - - 1902	Yeovil - - - 1908
Jersey - - - 1896	Marnhull - - - 1903	Guernsey - - - 1909
Blandford - - - 1897	Basingstoke - - - 1904	Micheldever - - - 1910
Poole - - - 1898	Newport (I.W.) - - - 1905	Salisbury - - - 1911
Winchester - - - 1899	Southampton - - - 1906	Basingstoke - - - 1912
Wilton - - - 1900		

Shrewsbury District.

Wrockwardine W. - 1895	Welshpool - - - 1901	Wrockwardine W. 1907
Ellesmere - - - 1896	Shrewsbury - - - 1902	Wellington - - - 1908
Wem - - - 1897	Ellesmere - - - 1903	Ellesmere - - - 1909
Rhosymedre - - - 1898	Wem - - - 1904	Welshpool - - - 1910
Oswestry - - - 1899	Oswestry - - - 1905	Newport (Mont.) - 1911
Oakengates - - - 1900	Rhosymedre - - - 1906	Shrewsbury - - - 1912

Devon and Cornwall District.

Redruth - - - 1899	Teignmouth - - - 1904	Plymouth - - - 1909
Exmouth - - - 1900	Camborne - - - 1905	Dartmouth - - - 1910
Penzance - - - 1901	Torquay - - - 1906	St. Austell - - - 1911
Dartmouth - - - 1902	Truro - - - 1907	Plymouth - - - 1912
St. Day - - - 1903	Exmouth - - - 1908	

York and Scarborough District.

Pickering - - - 1909	Easingwold - - - 1911	Malton - - - 1912
York 1st - - - 1910		

Missions District.

Tunbridge Wells - 1872	Newtown - - - 1886	Walthamstow - - - 1900
Torquay - - - 1873	Southwark - - - 1887	Dover - - - 1901
Richmond - - - 1874	Tunbridge Wells - 1888	Southend - - - 1902
Cardiff - - - 1875	Cheltenham - - - 1889	Ryde - - - 1903
Portsmouth - - - 1876	Torquay - - - 1890	Chelmsford - - - 1904
Hastings - - - 1877	Chelmsford - - - 1891	St. George's Hall - 1905
Rugby - - - 1878	Dover - - - 1892	Hastings - - - 1906
Torquay - - - 1879	Worthing - - - 1893	Aldershot - - - 1907
Brighton - - - 1880	Ryde (I.W.) - - - 1894	Wolverton - - - 1908
Tunbridge Wells - 1881	Glastonbury - - - 1895	Eastbourne - - - 1909
Gloucester - - - 1882	Aldershot - - - 1896	Aldershot - - - 1910
Aldershot - - - 1883	Cheltenham - - - 1897	Stratford-on-Avon 1911
Exmouth - - - 1884	Hastings - - - 1898	Kettering - - - 1912
Worthing - - - 1885	Aberavon - - - 1899	

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